

## ❖ PANDHANDLING ORDINANCE

## Law to prohibit aggro begging

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Some cities in Humboldt County have adopted ordinances against aggressive panhandling and a similar law may soon be approved for unincorporated areas.

At its May 3 meeting, the county's Board of Supervisors directed staff to draft a panhandling ordinance and have it ready for consideration by late June. But when an ordinance emerges, its provisions will be directed at all forms of "aggressive solicitation" to avoid legal challenges based on free speech rights.



**Ryan Sundberg**

Advanced by supervisors Ryan Sundberg and Rex Bohn, the ordinance proposal builds on laws that are already place in Eureka and, more recently, Fortuna.

A 2012 City of Arcata panhandling ordinance was mostly struck down by a Superior Court judge, but the legal challenge against it did not focus on its prohibition of aggressive forms of panhandling.

Eureka's ordinance has withstood legal challenges. Sundberg said a county ordinance can be modelled after it and address safety issues.

"It's just not safe in certain spots and I think this one will be different from Arcata's in that it will be built around safety," he continued.

He said the ordinance will be useful in two communities in his district – McKinleyville and Willow Creek.

Board Chair Mark Lovelace said a county ordinance should be clearly directed at aggressive behavior. "That may or may not have anything to do with the panhandling, so I think how exactly this ends up being defined is going to be the critical piece," he continued.

Lovelace said the problem with Arcata's ordinance was that it singled out panhandling for activities such as using signs, which have free speech protections.

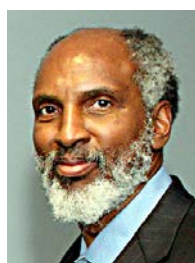
PANHANDLING ❖ A3

## County takes aim at racism

**Paul Mann**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – When visiting author, lawyer and social justice activist John A. Powell is asked by a reporter if America can ever free itself of racism, he tells this story:

"President Obama dreams he is in a conversation with God. The president understands that God can see the entire future, so he asks if America will finally eliminate poverty. God says, 'Yes, but not in your lifetime.' Somewhat encouraged, Obama then asks, 'Will America ever come to grips with climate change?' Again God answers,



**John A. Powell**

'Yes, but not in your lifetime.' Finally, Obama inquires if America can get rid of racism once and for all. This time God answers, 'Yes – but not in my lifetime.'" Despite the joke's fatalism, Powell, who spells his name lower case a la the poet e.e. Cummings, strongly believes inroads against racism are well within the nation's grasp if society understands the role of the unconscious mind in racial

prejudice and how neuroscience explains it.

Powell outlined concrete methods to combat unconscious racial stereotypes in three lectures last week in Arcata, Eureka and Crescent City. A UC Berkeley School of Law graduate and former law teacher at Harvard and Columbia, Powell keynoted the launch of "Our North Coast," an 18-month initiative of more than 20 local institutions and organizations to foster racial, social and cultural inclusiveness.

His presentations are rooted in how the mind functions. In any one mo-

RACISM ❖ A4

## Beautifying Central Ave.

### McK chamber plans flowers, lighted trees

**Jessie Faulkner**  
MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – The McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce wants to dress up Central Avenue, and the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCS D) is on board.

The plan is to install hanging flowerpots from the streetlight poles. The idea, McKinleyville Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Heather Viña told the MCS D Board of Directors last week, is to make Central Avenue more appealing and inviting.

The board voted 4-0 to approve the project; director Dennis Mayo was absent from last week's meeting.

The chamber is also pro-



**MAIN STREET BLOOMS** Hanging flower pots, like these, will be installed on streetlights along McKinleyville's main thoroughfare. PHOTO COURTESY MCKINLEYVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

posing stringing solar lights on the avenue's trees from School Road to Railroad Drive at intervals to be aesthetically pleasing, according to the chamber's report to

the board. Negotiations with the County of Humboldt are currently underway for that installation, Viña said.

Most of the flowerpots

CENTRAL ❖ A4

## Grad time at HSU

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY's Class of 2016 takes the stage in Redwood Bowl for three commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 14.

The College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences ceremony is at 8:30 a.m., the College of Natural Resources & Sciences at noon, and the College of Professional Studies at 3:30 p.m.

More than 2,500 students have earned credentials, undergraduate and graduate degrees in the 2015-16 academic year, and more than 1,700 are registered to

GRADS ❖ A4

## ❖ GREEN RUSH

## Dissent dogs state pot legalization measure

**Paul Mann**  
MAD RIVER UNION

NORTH COAST – Partisan wrangling will intensify over legalizing the recreational use of small amounts of marijuana, now that backers have gathered well more than enough signatures to put the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) on the state's November ballot.

California's majority Democratic Party

is on record in favor of the measure, while Republican leaders are against it.

The AUMA language, which would allow those 21 and older to possess and use up to an ounce of marijuana, garnered more than 600,000 registered voter signatures, far in excess of the nearly 366,000 required by July 5.

If voters approve it, the initiative would impose a 15 percent excise tax, cumulative

with the state's 7.5 percent sales tax plus other levies (*Union*, Jan. 27).

Recent polls suggest up to 60 percent voter support for legalization, a turnabout from the defeat in 2010 of Proposition 19.

Both Colorado and Washington State approved legalization in 2012, which is thought to be lending political momentum to a successful California drive.

Proponents claim the AUMA would

curb the mammoth black market and deter use by those under 21. They say it would safeguard the environment from the mass destructive impacts of illegal grows, help unburden the criminal justice system and foil big corporations that are expected to attempt to take over the lucrative state market.

London's weekly magazine *The Economist*

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# McKinleyville moves ahead with coho rearing ponds

Jessie Faulkner  
MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE – The McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD) is considering transforming its riverside percolation ponds to a safe and sustaining harbor for young salmon.

The ponds are above the Mad River, west of Fisher Ranch and due south of the end of School Road, near the natural curve in the river.

CalTrout, which is working with the services district to shepherd this facilities transition, presented three alternatives and the result of its initial study at last week’s MCSD board meeting. A question-and-answer session with community members followed.

Essentially, the plan is to remove and/or lower the levees from around the former percolation ponds, allowing the area to become a natural refuge for salmonid away from the turbulence of the winter high waters in the river. In this locale, the small fish can grow up and prepare themselves for the ardors of moving into the ocean.

The ponds, installed in 1983, had been used to dispose of treated wastewater, but the cost of complying with a state mandate proving that the disposal did not affect the river proved too costly for the district. The facility also was becoming a less-than-ideal way to dispose of the treated wastewater, so the district was planning to de-commission the ponds. The original plan to backfill and replant the area was estimated to cost \$170,000.

The idea to convert the area to a refuge for growing salmonid was a matter of happenstance. A member of the public reported to California Fish and Wildlife that the district was draining a wetland near the end of School Road in 2012. State Fish and Wildlife officials made a site visit and confirmed that ongoing activity to install a culvert to maintain stormwater drainage was permitted. However, the conversation turned to the soon-to-be abandoned percolation ponds, which Fish and Wildlife noted could be used to shelter young fish, stating that grant funds were available for just such a project.

MCSD subsequently entered into an agreement with California Trout – a statewide nonprofit organization –

## Barstow on Arcata PlanCo

MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – Two members of the now-disbanded Arcata Historic and Design Review Commission applied for a vacancy on the Planning Commission, and John Barstow was selected at the last Arcata City Council meeting.

Runner-up Janette Heartwood was encouraged to apply should another seat open up on the Arcata Planning Commission.

The city had encouraged members of the Historic and Design Review Commission to apply for the vacancy as the now-defunct group’s responsibilities were officially transferred to the Planning Commission at the April 20 council meeting. Several training sessions are scheduled to prepare the planning commissioners for their new responsibilities with focus on historic resources, historic context, architectural building styles and their character-defining features and general historic preservation principals, according to Director of Community Development Larry Oetker’s report to the city council.

Barstow, who served on the Historic and Design Review Commission since 1993, is a board member of the Historical Sites Society of Arcata and a longtime admirer of the city’s early architecture.

“My love is for old houses and design,” Barstow told the council members.

At its last meeting, the Arcata City Council also re-appointed Sarah Caldwell and Uri Driscoll to the Open Space & Agriculture Committee, with terms ending in 2019. Nancy Starck was reappointed to the Parks & Recreation Committee; her term also concludes in 2019.

to study the proposed project, and the conceptual design was unveiled at the May 4 board meeting.

“We are here to get comment and feedback from the board and the audience,” said CalTrout Project Manager Mary Burke.

MCSD General Manager Greg Orsini stressed before last week’s meeting that the result would not be a fish hatchery but an off-channel refuge for the salmonids.

Officially deemed the Salmonid Restoration Project, the effort is in the conceptual design stage. Studies have been completed on water temperature and flow levels. The consultants have developed three possible designs, two of which will include construction of a channel from the river, near School Road, heading south along the bluff above the river and ending at the former percolation ponds. The channels will provide a means for young fish to reach the pond area where they can rest and grow during the rainy season without undergoing the stress of the fast-moving river. Engineering designs are scheduled for the upcoming winter, followed by permitting and implementation.

Board president George Wheeler asked if the proposed channel would be deep enough to provide cooler water for the fish, noting that summertime water temperatures can be high in the upper levels.

Consultant Rose Patenaude of Northern Hydrology & Engineering is the project’s design engineer. She said that any channel created would be connected to groundwater and tidal water and will take into consideration data collected, including the temperature of the river.

# Supes make new Measure Z picks

Daniel Mintz  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – In reviewing requests for Measure Z public safety tax revenue, Humboldt County supervisors have reduced the amounts of some of the bigger ones to allow for funding others. At its May 3 meeting, the Board of Supervisors considered \$12.7 million of new Measure Z funding requests. There will be an estimated \$6.5 million of Measure Z sales tax revenue available for requests in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Among the downsized funding requests was one from the Arcata Police Department for two school-based officers and two probation diversion officers for Arcata and McKinleyville high schools and McKinleyville Middle School.

Supervisor Ryan Sundberg pushed for its approval. He said meeting with school district officials highlighted the increasingly problematic presence of “The Mack Town Boys,” which he described as “semi-gang kids that are being recruited by people from Eureka to do their dirty work for them.”

Sundberg added that the probation diversion officers will help students by “diverting them from lifestyles that will put them in prison and jail.”

He also mentioned the previous week’s ribbon-cutting for the McKinleyville Teen & Community Center. “All this is a package deal – it’s really, really important and I’d hate to see any of this get cut,” he said.

But other supervisors explored ways to downsize the request.

Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman and county Sheriff Mike Downey agreed that the two probation diversion officers are the most necessary elements of the request. Supervisors decided to cut one of the school resource officer positions, reducing the request from \$429,000 to \$329,000.

Firefighting services are among the highly-prioritized Measure Z funding targets. The county’s Fire Chiefs’ Association has requested \$2.2 million for used fire engines, protective

equipment, metal building kits and planning the formation of new fire districts and expansion of existing ones.

Supervisor Estelle Fennell highlighted the importance of the district planning effort, saying that the county has “some pretty tricky work ahead of us to guarantee fire coverage.”

If volunteer fire departments do not work on the annexations and new district formations, she continued, “We might have to create a county services area and that will cost a whole lot more.” Fennell and other supervisors also supported a separate Measure Z funding request for fire-fighting coverage in areas that are not served by a district, such as the Route 299 corridor.

Supervisors agreed that another separate request, for firefighting services at the county’s main airport, also needs to be funded.

The board decided to redirect the \$400,000 needed to fund those two items from the Fire Chiefs’ Association’s request, reducing it to \$1.8 million.

Another request that was extensively discussed comes from the Public Defender’s Office, which is asking for almost \$630,000 to boost its staffing levels in response to the Measure Z-funded staffing increases for law enforcement departments.

Though some supervisors had doubts about using Measure Z money for that, Board Chair Mark Lovelace said that at least part of the request should be supported so that the office’s current level of staffing can be maintained.

Having public defense ensures that “we’re actually providing public safety and not just arresting people who may or may not be guilty,” he said.

Supervisors agreed that \$161,000 of the Public Defender’s request should be approved to maintain the office’s staffing.

The County Sheriff-Coroner’s Office is another top-priority funding item. A \$1.2 million request for fund-

ing seven positions and overtime, four patrol vehicles and an armored vehicle was mostly supported by supervisors.

The armored rescue/recovery vehicle was the main item that supervisors questioned. Supervisor Rex Bohn emphasized that the Measure Z sales tax will have to be reapproved by voters in three years and he doubted that the vehicle would pass muster as an appropriate investment.

Supervisors also considered that there are other sources of funding for the vehicle.

But Sheriff Mike Downey said the vehicle would protect his deputies from high-powered gunfire and is the only officer safety-related item he has requested.

Undersheriff Billy Honsall told supervisors that out of 8,000 marijuana grows in the county, only about 50 are working on getting permits.

“That means that the black market is being fueled extensively and organized crime is alive and well,” he said. “And with that, they don’t call us – they regulate their own form of justice.”

Honsall added that “it has become a very, very violent world out there” and “this is one piece of equipment that can ensure the safety of our personnel and the citizenry when we do have those incidents.”

Seeing that supervisors were still doubtful, Downey agreed to withdraw the vehicle from his request, reducing it by almost \$300,000.

Other sizable requests included \$2.5 million for repairing and maintaining county roads; supervisors agreed to support \$1.5 million.

The new round of projects brings the county’s total Measure Z spending to \$11.75 million. That includes \$5.2 million of previously-approved funding items that will be carried forward into the coming fiscal year’s budget.

The new Measure Z spending list would receive definitive approval in late June, when the board is scheduled to approve the budget.

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Oscar Wilde

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<b>Arcata City Council</b> Meets first & third Wednesday	Wednesday, May 18 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	cityofarcata.org
<b>Blue Lake City Council</b> Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, May 24 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Blding behind City Hall	bluelake.ca.gov/city/ council/agendas
<b>Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation &amp; Conservation District</b> Meets second & fourth Thursday	Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	humboldtbay.org/meetings- agendas-and-public-notice
<b>Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD)</b> Meets second Thursday	Thursday, May 12 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	hbmwd.com/meeting- schedule
<b>Humboldt County Board of Supervisors</b> Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, May 17 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	humboldt.legistar.com/ Calendar.aspx
<b>Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD)</b> Meets third Thursday	Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	manilacsd.com/Agendas_ Minutes_and_Forms.htm
<b>McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD)</b> Meets first Wednesday	Wednesday, June 1 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	mckinleyvillecsd.com
<b>McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC)</b> Meets last Wednesday	Wednesday, May 25 at 6 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	humboldtgov.org/238/ McKinleyville-Municipal- Advisory-Committ
<b>Trinidad City Council</b> Meets second Wednesday	today, May 11 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	trinidad.ca.gov/city- government/city-council.html





**ARE YOU ON THE BUS?** The Bernie Bus was in Arcata and Eureka on May 4 to help local nurses get the word out about why RNs support Bernie Sanders for President. The nurses, who are members of the California Nurses Association/National Nurses United, spoke to voters in downtown Arcata about Sanders’ plan for “Medicare for All.” Then they headed up to the quad at Humboldt State to talk to students about “Tuition-Free College Education” before rolling over to Eureka.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

**THIRD DISTRICT DEBATE** Humboldt County’s preeminent news sources – the Lost Coast Outpost, KHUM and the *Mad River Union* – have teamed up to sponsor a debate between the two candidates running for Third District Supervisor, Mike Wilson and Uri Driscoll. They will face off on **Tuesday, May 17** from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr. The candidates are running for the supervisor seat now held by Mark Lovelace, who is not seeking re-election on June 7. The public is encouraged to attend the one-hour debate, when candidates will answer questions from the moderators, members of the public and even each other. KHUM 104.3 and 104.7 FM will record the debate, which will be broadcast at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18.



**LABOR COUNCIL ENDORSES WILSON** The Humboldt-Del Norte Central Labor Council has announced its unanimous endorsement of Mike Wilson for the position of Third District Humboldt County Supervisor. The Humboldt-Del Norte Central Labor Council is a regional coordinating body that brings unions from many industries together to take action on local and statewide issues. Labor councils organize, mobilize, and give working families a voice in the political process.

Panhandling | Focus on safety

FROM A1

County Counsel Jeffrey Blanck confirmed that anti-panhandling laws are legally sound if they address “time, place and manner” issues and the “fear factor” of aggressive behavior.

He added that Arcata’s ordinance failed to meet the test of legality because it “got into content of the speech and that just doesn’t fly.”

Supervisor Estelle Fennell said that based on what people have told her about their experiences, she feels “very strongly” that the county should have a law that facilitates enforcement against “aggressive solicitation.”

“That is the part that is so difficult to deal with,” she continued.

Fennell said it is fortunate that there has been “community pushback” in the Garberville area with the volunteer Locals on Patrol group but having an ordinance will “take us a long way toward correcting a situation that seems so difficult to deal with.”

County Administrative Officer Amy Nilsen told supervisors that with the county budget coming up for adoption in June, a draft ordinance presentation should be put off until later that month.

Sundberg made a motion to have staff come back with a “panhandling ordinance” modelled after Eureka’s and Fortuna’s by late June. But at Blanck’s advice, the motion’s language was changed to refer to “aggressive solicitation” to avoid singling out panhandling.

The amended motion was unanimously approved.

**GET FISHY IN TRINIDAD** The 2016 Trinidad Fish Festival holds its 62nd event on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 19, featuring fish dinners, beverages, all-day music, arts and crafts vendors, the famous Trinidad Civic Club cake sale and a kids’ zone. Festival organizers are seeking at least 80 volunteers to make this event run smoothly. If you would like to spend an hour or two on Father’s Day volunteering, contact Katherine Wayne at [trinidadfishfest2016@gmail.com](mailto:trinidadfishfest2016@gmail.com).

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Input sought on improving Old Arcata Road

Jessie Faulkner  
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA - The community soon will have a big say in how the City of Arcata renovates Old Arcata Road, roughly from Buttermilk Lane in Sunny Brae to the Bayside Post Office.

The city has a \$49,500 contract with SHN Engineering to conduct three design charrettes, probably in the late summer or early fall. The council approved the contract at its April 20 meeting. The design charrettes are public meetings to determine what the area’s residents would like to see in the reworking of the heavily traveled two-lane road that includes a rather busy section in front of Jacoby Creek School.

At least some of the design charrettes will likely be held this fall, Arcata City Engineer Doby Class said, to ensure the involvement of school staff and parents of Jacoby Creek School students regarding the roadway improvements.

Assistant City Engineer Netra Kharti said last week that the city is beginning with a clean slate. “We want to get everybody involved,” he said.

The hope is to create what is known in the road engineering world as a complete street. Essentially, a complete street is equally accessible and safe for all modes of transportation

- driving, walking, cycling and so on.

The effort will, Class said, take into consideration that Old Arcata Road was based on a historic, native trail and will be treated with the necessary cultural sensitivity. Class said he expects the preparations to include archaeological excavations.

While it may not be possible to get everyone to agree on the preferred improvements for that section of the Old Arcata Road, Class said, the hope is to reach a consensus. One thing is for certain, he added, the somewhat rough roadway will be repaved.

Among the possible options would be a roundabout at the intersection with Jacoby Creek Road.

The discussion surrounding improvements to Arcata’s section of Old Arcata Road began last year, Kharti said, with the goal of holding the design charrettes in 2016. The ideas submitted by those attending are expected to be compiled by December. Class estimated that the actual work would occur in 2020.

City staff will be meeting with the consultants this week to determine the schedule for the public meetings. Following those sessions, SHN will compile the information gathered.

“The consultant will provide illustrations, plans and graphics of concepts (photo-simulations) developed during

the charrette,” according to Kharti’s April 20 report to the board. “Alternative analysis for road sections will include a minimum of three alternatives.”

The next step will be submitting the selected plans for funding through the state Active Transportation Program to cover planning, permitting, design and construction.

Presenting plans for complete street projects improves the chance of acquiring funding, Class said. “It’s very competitive,” he added.

Meanwhile, the city continues forward on a few other street projects. Among those are paving, widening and improving the shoulders of Buttermilk Lane and Crescent Way in Sunny Brae. The Buttermilk Lane work is planned from Old Arcata Road to the intersection with Margaret Lane. City staff are planning a meeting with nearby residents in June, Class said.

The improvements, Class said, will not mean that drivers will be permitted to go faster.

Paving is planned for lower H Street in the late summer, and the staff are preparing to make Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to bus stops within Arcata. Those, Class said, include widening the pullover area for buses and adding ramps to the sidewalk to ease access for those in wheelchairs or with other mobility issues.

Marijuana | Concerns about 15% pot tax

FROM A1

*mist* estimated the business was worth nearly \$1.2 billion in 2014. Other estimates run billions higher.

Advocates say the measure would provide millions in state revenue to research the medical and public health effects of recreational consumption, research that medical experts say should be an imperative as legalization spreads from state to state. The National Institute on Drug Abuse is adamant that marijuana consumption ratchets up respiratory disorders, impairs judgment and compounds the risk of attempted suicides, considered a worsening danger in drug-saturated Humboldt County (*Union*, May 4). The health costs of pot legalization could be substantial, compounding often exorbitant co-pays and skyrocketing medical expenses that have spread nationwide despite Obamacare’s promise to contain price growth.

Critics charge that the AUMA is not nearly strong enough to block a monopoly takeover, leaving so-called cottage operations like those in Humboldt to perish.

Detractors also say the act’s tax regime is faulty, that it will fuel the black market instead of curbing it and that the state has nowhere near the money and manpower to ensure that the proposed statute’s key environmental regulations would be enforced.

Even ardent supporters of legalization such as Leafly, billed as the world’s largest cannabis website, contend that the AUMA’s main flaw is its high tax rates. They will undermine reform, Leafly cautions, “by opening a wide price gap between taxpaying providers and the illicit market they’re supposed to compete out of business.”

However, Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom and others contend that the state legislature can adjust the levies as knowledge and experience are gained about how the AUMA is influencing market forces and vice versa.

Newsom’s elite political leadership and social media magnate Sean Parker’s well-publicized financial backing catapulted the AUMA past more than a dozen other proposals. Newsom engineered a blue ribbon research panel that became the platform for the AUMA. Parker reportedly gave at least \$1 million to advance the effort, with the likelihood of more to come as the general election campaign revs up.

Other influential supporters beside the California Democratic Party include the California Medical Association and the California NAACP.

Backers say legalization is long overdue and that for practical purposes, recreational consumption is a social reality that long since eclipsed the federal prohibition, which, they say, is as counterproductive and damaging as the U.S. constitutional ban on alcohol from 1920-1933.

Yet there is well-informed institutional opposition to the ballot measure beyond partisan Republican resistance. UC San Francisco’s prestigious Center for Tobacco Control, Research and Education published a policy analysis in February saying the AUMA is written in the main to create a new business instead of serving as a sturdy public health law.

Noting that the tobacco industry has been probing the notion of entering the marijuana business since at least 1969, the center says legalized marijuana’s regulatory framework should be modeled on the one used for tobacco products.

The UCSF analysis states, in part, “Evidence from tobacco and alcohol control demonstrates that without a strong public health framework, a wealthy and politically powerful marijuana industry will develop and use its political clout to manipulate regulatory frameworks and thwart public health efforts to reduce its use and its profits.”

Echoing the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the university analysis warns, “There is evidence that marijuana use and second-hand exposure pose health risks, including increased risk for cancer, heart at-

tack, stroke, reproductive toxicity, respiratory impairment, long-lasting detrimental changes in brain function and increased risk for addiction.”

Not even medical marijuana can be assumed to be harmless because it may well contain residues of the toxic insecticides, rodenticides and other poisons that some growers ladle out in abundance.

“To minimize public health risks,” the UCSF paper concludes, “marijuana regulations in California should be modeled on the California Tobacco Control Program, which has successfully countered the lobbying and marketing tactics of the tobacco industry for the last twenty-five years.”

REDWOOD COAST VILLAGE

There will be an informational meeting of the Redwood Coast Village (RCV) at the Mad River Grange, 110 Hatchery Rd. in Blue Lake, on **Saturday, May 14** from 1 to 2:30 p.m. RCV is a membership organization forming under the auspices of the nonprofit Area 1 Agency on Aging whose sole purpose is to help assist seniors 50 and over to remain in their own homes as they age. This is done through members volunteering to help other members or through the assistance of outside volunteers, who can be of any age. There will be refreshments. (707) 442-3763 ext. 217, [redwoodcoastvillage.org](http://redwoodcoastvillage.org)

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Alleged adultery leads to arson

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**  
**ORICK** – On Thursday, April 28, at about 10:45 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies responded to Hufford Road in Orick for a possible arson.

Upon arrival, deputies met with a 43-year-old female victim. The victim stated that 38-year-old Erin Renee Jones-Martin attempted to set her trailer on fire. Deputies observed a pile of charred garbage and smoke damage under the front part of the trailer.

Deputies searched the area for Jones-Martin and located her in the area of Dryden’s Road. Jones-Martin was with her boyfriend, 42-year-old William Arthur Basteyns. Jones-Martin had evidence connected to starting the fire at the trailer,

and had multiple visible injuries consistent with domestic violence.

Jones–Martin told deputies she thought Basteyns was cheating on her with the victim. Jones-Martin further alleged Basteyns assaulted her and forced her into a vehicle and ordered her to take him to his property which he thought Jones-Martin had removed from their shared residence.

Basteyns and Jones-Martin were arrested and taken to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility.

Basteyns was booked on suspicion of domestic violence and false imprisonment. His bail was set at \$50,000. Jones-Martin was booked on suspicion of arson to an inhabited structure. Her bail was set at \$250,000.



**William Arthur Basteyns**



**Erin Renee Jones-Martin**

## Carjackers stuck in mud cause rude awakening

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**  
**ARCATA BOTTOM** – On Monday, May 2 at about 5:45 a.m., Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies responded to the area of 400 Mad River Road for a report of a carjacking.

Upon arrival, deputies met with a 54-year-old male victim. The victim told deputies he was asleep in his vehicle, a red 2001 Dodge Ram 2500 pick-up truck, license plate number 6G27949, at the Mad River

Boat Ramp when he was pulled out of his vehicle and thrown to the ground.

The victim observed three male suspects attempting to get into his vehicle. The victim told deputies he tried to fight back, but the suspects attacked him, hitting him with an unknown object.

The suspects drove away in the victim’s vehicle to a nearby vehicle stuck in the mud. The victim observed the suspects use his vehicle to pull the other vehicle, a dark colored pick-up truck

with a dark colored lumber rack, out of the mud. They then drove both vehicles away.

The victim was transported to a local hospital by ambulance for injuries received during the altercation.

Anyone with information for the Sheriff’s Office regarding this case or related criminal activity is encouraged to call the Sheriff’s Office at (707) 445-7251 or the Sheriff’s Office Crime Tip line at (707) 268-2539.

## ‘Armed & dangerous’ suspect cuffed, jailed

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**  
**McKINLEYVILLE** – On Wednesday, May 4 at about 10:50 a.m., the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office received a report of a suspicious person in the area of the 700 block of Kelly Avenue in McKinleyville.

Upon arrival, deputies met with 27-year-old Todd Allen Lindgren. Deputies conducted a records check through the Sheriff’s Office Emergency Communications Center, which revealed Lindgren was considered armed and dangerous. Deputies attempted to detain Lindgren

in handcuffs and encountered resistance. After a short struggle, deputies were able to detain Lindgren after taking him to the ground as he attempted to flee.

Deputies searched Lindgren’s vehicle, which was parked nearby, and located a loaded pistol grip shotgun.

Lindgren was taken to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked on suspicion of resisting arrest, carrying a loaded firearm and for violation of a court order not allowing him to possess a firearm. His bail was set at \$25,000.



**Todd Allen Lindgren**

## Chicago business traveler reunited with \$7K

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**  
**McKINLEYVILLE** – Last Wednesday, May 4 at about 3:40 p.m., a Humboldt County Sheriff Deputy assigned to the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport observed a black fleece jacket in the roadway off Boeing Avenue in McKinleyville.

The deputy retrieved the jacket and felt it was

heavy. The deputy checked the contents of the jacket pockets and was unable to locate a form of identification.

However, the deputy located \$7,000 in cash in the pockets. The money was recounted and booked, along with the jacket, as found property.

On Thursday, May 5 the deputy was able to determine a possible owner for

the jacket. The deputy contacted the owner, who stated he left the jacket on top of his car and drove away. The owner is travelling from Chicago and the money is from his business. The owner was able to provide accurate detailed information about the jacket and sum of money.

The money and jacket were returned to the owner Friday, May 6.

## Semore murder trial kicks off

**Paul Mann**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**  
**EUREKA** – Opening statements in the murder trial of Jonas Randall Semore, 42, charged with killing a McKinleyville man in April 2015, were scheduled for May 11, after the *Union* went to press.

The unconscious assault victim, David Dwayne Ganfield, 36, was transported to Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata by an unidentified acquaintance, but died after his transfer to a Redding trauma unit, according to the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office.

Semore, the defendant, was picked up in mid-May last year by Eureka City Police, who had been informed he was a person of interest to sheriff’s detectives. He was booked for homicide and bail was set at \$1 million.

According to courtroom blogger John Chiv, Semore is charged with using a baseball bat in the fatal assault.

Deputy District Attorney Roger Rees is the prosecutor. Eureka attorney Russell J. Clanton is Semore’s defense counsel.

Semore’s trial in Humboldt County Superior Court is expected to conclude in early June, allowing for the Memorial Day break.

**SHOALING WARNING** Humboldt County Sheriff Mike Downey is advising the public of the dangerous conditions near the Humboldt Bay bar entrance during the upcoming halibut and salmon fishing season. The condition of the Humboldt Bay harbor entrance has changed for the worse due to shoaling of the channel due to the strong winter storms. The Humboldt Bay entrance channel is very shallow in the area most boaters use for entering and exiting the bay, resulting in dangerous and unpredictable conditions on the bar and entrance channel. Waves can break at any time no matter the tide flow. Use extreme caution; if conditions appear bad, do not cross the bay entrance. Emergency dredging is scheduled to begin May 20. It will take 25-35 days of work to restore the entrance to 48-feet deep. [humboldtharborsafety.org](http://humboldtharborsafety.org)

## Drunk and fondling his junk

**MAD RIVER UNION**  
**McKINLEYVILLE** – A McKinleyville man was arrested April 30 after he was found sauntering down the street, not wearing any pants and fiddling with his genitalia.

The Sheriff’s Office received a call about the pantless man at about 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30. The male suspect was walking down Railroad Drive near McKinleyville Avenue.

Deputies responded and located the suspect, 36-year-old Seth John Farrington,



**Seth John Farrington**

near the 2000 block of McKinleyville Avenue. Farrington had a strong odor of alcoholic beverages on his person.

A records check of Farrington revealed he is currently on probation.

Deputies arrested Farrington without incident. Farrington was taken to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility where he was booked on suspicion of indecent exposure, violation of probation and disorderly conduct.

His bail was set at \$5,000.

## Jumps out of moving car, gets crushed

**MAD RIVER UNION**  
**ARCATA** – An Arcata man was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving in the early morning of Friday, May 6, after he ran over a woman who jumped out of the car while he was still entering a driveway.

Timothy Bolton, 45, of Arcata, was driving a 2005 Land Rover and was in the process of parking

on a driveway on Plunkett Road, east of Jacoby Creek Road, at about 2 a.m. when passenger Jennifer Mallett, 35, of Arcata, suddenly jumped out of the vehicle while it was still moving.

She was run over by the Land Rover and sustained major injuries, including a broken leg, fractured pelvis and abrasions.

Mallett was transport-

ed by ground ambulance to Mad River Community Hospital.

According to the California Highway Patrol, alcohol is suspected to have been a factor in this collision. The driver, Bolton, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence. The California Highway Patrol Humboldt Area is investigating the incident.

## Highlander rolls on highway, driver arrested

**MAD RIVER UNION**  
**INDIANOLA CUTOFF** – A 25-year-old Eureka man was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving last Wednesday evening, May 4 after he rolled his vehicle in the center divider of U.S. Highway 101 near the Indianola Cutoff between Arcata and Eureka.

Just after 10 p.m., Max Nicholas Magnatta of Eureka was driving a 2003 Toyota Highlander northbound on U.S. Highway 101 while allegedly under the influence of

alcohol, according to the California Highway Patrol (CHP). Magnatta’s level of alcohol impairment is said to have caused him to drive the Toyota off the roadway.

The vehicle overturned and came to rest on its passenger side. Magnatta was not injured during the collision.

Magnatta was placed under arrest for suspicion of misdemeanor DUI and booked at the Humboldt County Jail.

The CHP is investigating this traffic collision.

## Cybersecurity breach at the county

**COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
**HUMBOLDT** – Five computer terminals used by the public in an office on the fifth floor of the County courthouse were misconfigured by a third-party software provider, potentially allowing access to limited confidential information.

On April 4, the county learned that individuals accessing parcel information in the fifth floor office may have been able to access certain information typically accessible only to county staff.

Upon learning this, the county immediately launched an internal investigation and worked with its third-party software provider who maintains the software used on the terminals. The investigation determined that when the county upgraded its property assessment software last year, five computer terminals on the fifth floor of the county courthouse were misconfigured by a third-party

software provider to allow access to additional non-public information.

Individuals who viewed parcel information from one of the misconfigured computer terminals may have been able to access confidential information, including the parcel owner’s name and Social Security number. However, access to these computers is monitored by staff and, to date, the county has no evidence that any information has been used improperly or even accessed as a result of this incident. Moreover, the affected computers are not permitted to access the internet and the USB ports are disabled, further limiting the ability for someone to download or email information externally.

Still, as a precaution, the county posted a website notification at [humboldt.gov.org](http://humboldt.gov.org) with more information. The website notice includes a number to call if an individual believes they may be

affected by this incident or if they have any questions.

“Even though there was probably pretty limited exposure here, we take these issues very seriously because we’re dealing with people and their personal information,” said Rex Bohn, First District supervisor. “Regardless of how few computers could access the information or how likely it was that people even noticed it, the bottom line is this information needs to be protected. That’s our top priority.”

To help prevent a similar incident from recurring, the county has taken steps to enhance the security of its public terminals and correct the misconfiguration by its third-party provider. Going forward, they are running checks of their existing publicly accessible software and instituting additional measures to ensure security concerns are addressed on any new or upgraded programs.

## Get paid to become a deputy

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE**  
**HUMBOLDT** – Sheriff Mike Downey has announced job openings for Deputy Sheriff Recruits. Downey would like to see local applicants who are vested in the community and are committed to making Humboldt County a safe, productive place to live, work and play.

The Deputy Sheriff Recruit is an entry-level position for the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office. Applicants do not need to have a law enforcement background to apply.

Deputy Sheriff Recruits attend the Basic Police Academy at College of the Redwoods while receiving a salary, once they pass a detailed background check. The Sheriff’s Office pays for tuition, uniforms and required gear.

Once a Deputy Sheriff Recruit successfully completes the Police Academy, they then become a Deputy Sheriff I and participate in a Field Training Officer Program. Upon suc-

cessfully completing the 18-week program, the Deputy Sheriff is assigned to Patrol Operations for the Sheriff’s Office. Deputies then have the opportunity to work in a number of specialized positions, including:

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- Drug Task Force
- Drug Enforcement Unit
- Beach Patrol
- Court Security
- Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team

If you are interested in becoming a Deputy Sheriff Recruit, submit an application through the Human Resources Department at [humboldt.gov.org/jobs](http://humboldt.gov.org/jobs). Deadline to apply is Tuesday, May 24 at 11:59 p.m. If you have further inquiries, contact Human Resources at (707) 476-2349.



LGBTQ overreach in the bathroom issue?

Yes. Shocking, I know. But let's face it, the fact is that some of our non-trans friends may find it disconcerting to see a "man in a dress" in the ladies' room, or in the men's room for that matter. Somehow, in our culture ladies dressed like men are welcome in either gender's bathroom. Quirk of human nature, I suppose.

For full disclosure purposes, I am a trans-female, post-surgical, which means that I now have a vagina, and lots of official government issued documents attesting to the fact that I am female. There is no going back.

I don't pass for female well, sometimes. But most of the time, in general, I pass well enough that most people would see me as female when I'm out in the community, and not notice or think otherwise. And while I feel female, act female in lots of ways, my natural state is to dress in jeans, hoodies or T-shirts. Androgynous. In addition, I've also had medical complications post-surgery that caused three pulmonary embolisms, including one that "should have killed me" according to the doctors, so I am unable to take female estrogen hormones to complete my transition, and am forever stuck in between genders in my look and voice. Such is my fate. You may say due to bad choices, maybe, although science, my doctors, the entire American Medical Association and my brain, weigh in on my side of that debate, but still, there is no turning back.

Under the new laws in North Carolina and Mississippi, people are required to use the public restroom listed on their birth certificate. Mine says "male." And in my current situation, following that legal directive would actually place me in grave danger of assault and public ridicule. Obviously, not a solution that I can readily accept. Further, it's contrary to both the federal and my state's official determination, on medical basis, that I am female.

My experience includes discrimination: in employment, a complete career change, in thousands of social situations, as a transgender music artist, and specifically being banned from businesses over the use of the "wrong" bathroom issue. An interesting, little-known fact about "transitioning," the doctors require that you live and dress like the new gender you will become for a full year prior to allowing surgery. That was a rough period for me. It was nerve-racking, but my current strengths grow directly out of that experience. I remember being "banned" from using the female restroom, or from entering venues entirely.

Many of these people were my friends in the music community, whose favor I was trying to curry. They were good people, at heart, and wished me no personal ill will (although a "few" did, but it was rare). What I can say is that after my reconstructive surgery, when I returned full female, they welcomed me back with open arms. I was allowed to use the female restrooms, and even Oklahoma granted me a female driver's license. These same people who had ex-

pressed concerns, now readily accepted me for the woman that I am. Many of them are still my friends in real life. Everyone's experience is different, but this was mine.

I've been gay bashed twice now in Oklahoma, the first time the police prosecuted me for defending myself too well, after being hit by a man angrily yelling

slurs in front of my kids. The second time it happened, I didn't even bother to call the police. When lawmakers encourage hate and fail to enact adequate safety and human dignity protections, trans-violence and, yes, deaths result. They increase. Public policy should promote less, not more, violence and death. More tolerance and an end to hatred and divisive polarity.

Still, perhaps the bathroom rule ought to be whatever is currently between your legs, like was my experience in Oklahoma City? I understand this point of view, having friends who hold this position. However, I agree with my LGBTQ friends, and the vast majority of the medical community, that gender is between your ears, not between your legs. That has been my life experience too.

For this reason, and safety and human dignity reasons, we favor allowing pre-surgical patients medically diagnosed with gender identity disorder, or as trans, to use the bathroom associated with the gender they currently identify as. I believe that some medical documentation should be required prior to allowing this to occur. I see this as a reasonable compromise and solution that fully addresses/alleviates any valid community concerns.

If we're truly concerned about "men in dresses" assaulting women and girls, shouldn't we actually be more concerned about actual child molesters and predators around our children in either bathroom? Or rapists, or a thousand of other more legitimate reasons?

My training would allow me to wax eloquently about why these biases exist, and all the ways that as a society we need to overcome ignorance, but do we really need more valid reasons than personal safety or human dignity, coupled with a medical diagnosis? In the end, I just want the right to sit on a clean toilet out in public, in privacy, without having to endure or fear ridicule or assault, like you.

Still, my Oklahoma friends taught me one very valuable lesson – people can change and are open to seeing new views on this issue. I could literally see the change – the "before and after" in their eyes. And I hope, in some small way, this open letter opens your eyes too.

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Magic and frustration on the Pacific Crest Trail

I write this from Julian, Calif. where I'm stuck for a few days with what appears to be Plantar Fasciitis. It's rather agonizing to be off trail, luxuriating in a nice, touristy hotel room when my every instinct screams to be back on the rocky, rocking footpath to Ashland. These problems aren't uncommon among hikers, especially during the first few weeks. So I'm sentenced to live in trail town luxury for a few days as I work through the foot issues.

The first week-and-a-half of my Pacific Crest Trail hike has mixed pain, pleasure, tedium, fascination and overall I-can't-believe-I'm-actually-doing-thisness. The trail is never the same from day to day, and it's all fun.

If you are going to commit to being out in the wild for months, the PCT is a great choice. Just in Section A, from the Mexican border to here, you'll experience a stunning variety of climes and hiking conditions. I've crossed streams, clambered over logs and boulders, walked through canyons and valleys, across rocky desert, dense forest, arduous mountains and gusty passes, all filled with stunning sights to behold. Yet you're never too far from a friendly, resource-rich trail town to rest (and shower) your bones. For the first time in my life, I've hitchhiked to get to and from the trail. For me, that's pretty edgy.

Since I lack any desert background, I've not fully appreciated what I might know intellectually about this complex, bountiful ecosystem.

Lizards bask on rocks, scampering away as you pass. Squirrels and jack-rabbits give you the eye and scurry off. Shiny black beetles lumber about on their business. Unseen birds sing exotic songs we never hear in Arcata. Cacti and chaparral make wicked, wonderful sculptural statements. Toxic, weed-like Poodle Dog Bush invites the unwary to have their skin erupt and boil off. Rock formations assume shapes no human could ever imagine, embellished with rich and detailed colors no painter could ever paint. It's waaaay beyond anything Disney might contrive, but all real and free for the immersing.

Thrusting rock is lined with sedimentary strata laid down over eons, but the stripes are vertical because subsequent eons have upended that ancient lake bed and made it into a mountaintop. The rock seems so solid and changeless, yet you know it is always in motion and, over time, just more fleeting ephemera like yourself. Still, wading through these building-sized wonders, you really "get" the scale of geologic time compared to our flickering lifespans.

One can't resist taking pictures of the many jaw-dropping sights and delights along the way, but if you break out the camera to capture every worthy image, you'll never get anywhere, so you just have to let a lot of it go.



'UMBRELLA GUY' Kevin Hoover out on the PCT.

PHOTO BY SOME GUY



THE START Kevin Hoover at the monument where the trail starts along the Mexico border.

PHOTO BY SOME GUY

The PCT culture offers another set of surprises. My first day on the trail, I met Randy and Deb. They turned out to be friends with none other than Rees Hughes, co-author of the *Pacific Trailside Reader* and volunteer trail steward. Later, when I got to my first campsite that night, I was greeted with a friendly, "Hi, Kevin!" It was

Randy and Deb, already set up for the night. Later, a young couple named David and Miriam showed up and shared the campsite. Miriam was having foot problems, and soon, so would I. They said they'd followed me up the mountainside, saying "There's Umbrella Guy" again and again.

My first trail magic came the next morning in the form of two big jugs of water left at Hauser Creek, right before the hot, hard climb up to Morena Butte. That really helped my water margin. Funny, you'd never drink anything found sitting on a sidewalk in Arcata. But two anonymous Sprite bottles full of plain old water in the middle of nowhere, and you're a-guzzlin'.

There was more magic down the road at Boulder Oaks campground. As previously noted, every other hiker is an instant friend and ally out in the middle of nowhere. Everyone shares, and there's a lot to share.

Just as I was getting ready to rehydrate some mashed potatoes that night, this nice guy named Steve showed up with four pizzas, cookies, sodas and chilled apples for the PCT hikers there. I, Phillip and Isabel from Montreal and Alex from Napa dined royally.

Later, just as I was dropping my \$14 park fee off at the kiosk, a woman a ways behind me said, "Sir? Sir?"

It was Ettie, here with Ethan by way of Arizona. And she had yet more pizza offered by yet a different trail angel – "some lady" – right when I was getting the hungries again! Yes, I actually had a free pizza delivery while walking past my tent in the woods.

The next morning, a guy named Legend showed up in his fanciful cook truck to makes us all M&M pancakes

and hot coffee. The trail love was truly felt.

Other than campgrounds, I've tented at several remote trailside removes. Available tent spots tend to fill up late in the afternoon and evening as hikers, some gasping and wheezing with exhaustion, straggle into camp. Some just throw up their tent and zonk out; others chat and socialize into the evening.

In Mt. Laguna, I ran into David and Miriam. They said they missed me, aww. She'd found some better-fitting shoes in a hiker box and was sending her old ones home (which I should have done). While visiting outside the store, I left a small box of groceries unattended for a few minutes, and when I got back David had stashed two PBRs in it. Some people ...

A few hiking days later, when the feet again got too painful (and probably unwise) to ignore, I found a road and held up my "HIKER TO TOWN" scarf. After a half hour, along came Zach (trail name Astro). A PCT thru-hiker himself, he'd actually intended to stop at a picnic area and chat with some of this year's "trail trash." Instead, he saw me and pulled over. "I'm trying to get to Julian," I said. "Let's go!" he said, and drove me right to the hotel here. Then I think he gave another hiker a ride out to the trailhead.



TRAIL PIZZA! Ettie delivers. KLH | UNION

So for now, I'm unplugged from the trail life I've just been learning to savor – laid up in Julian, nursing tootsies with what appears to be Plantar Fasciitis. If that sounds like some freaky form of foot fascism, well it is. It's immobilizing, and you just have to wait it out. Stewing and moping seem fairly mandatory, and I'm great at that. But at least there's beer. I wish the nurse at the local clinic had been on duty today to verify my diagnosis and offer advice.

While I literally cool my heels for a few days, I'll get new shoes in nearby Ramona; something I should have done in Mt. Laguna. My plan is to hitch back out to the Sunrise Trailhead or Scissors Crossing after my doctor visit on Monday and unless I'm advised otherwise, hit the trail again, hopefully with fortified feet and lessons learned. Meanwhile, I'm learning the intricacies of foot taping. It really helps.

It's frustrating to be waylaid like this, but from what I'm told, it's all within the range of mini-adventures people commonly experience on this living ribbon of rock and soil, sand and sunshine we know as the Pacific Crest Trail.

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# OPINION

## Exodus from Palco Marsh Homeless face arrest as they struggle to survive

May 2 was a highly anticipated and high stakes day. Dozens of police, heavy equipment and city workers swept through the Palco Marsh in Eureka.

A handful of journalists, designated observers and social workers were allowed past the police-guarded barricades.

As a reporter for the *Humboldt Edge*, I was allowed in while my fellow reporter Nezzie Wade was denied access.

When I entered, my heart sank. It looked like a war zone. The Coast Guard helicopter circled the area repeatedly. Smoke billowed from fires reeking of trash. Weary and stunned residents, many with no safe place to live, carried their belongings in trash bags, on bicycles and makeshift carts trying to take as much as they could in one load.

They would not be allowed to come back. The temporary emergency container housing being offered to 40 people filled up quickly; it was not enough to accommodate over 130 residents of the marsh. The Koster Street parking lot allows overnight camping from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m., but is not available during the day. Sixty overflow shelter beds for men were added at the St. Vincent de Paul dining hall on an emergency basis, without accommodation for dogs.

All of these options expire in October

when the six-month shelter crisis emergency declaration ends.

By 9 a.m., all but a handful of homeless people had been kicked out. They poured onto the streets with carts and bags, dogs trailing behind. They were burdened and broke, looking lost and violated. Their homes had been taken by force, their belongings bulldozed into piles and scooped into dumpsters.

For many residents of the marsh, it had become the closest thing to a stable home and family that they had ever known. Many of the people that I spoke with who lived in the marsh had been directed to go there by the police during “Operation Clean Sweep.” This was an effort last year to clear all of the homeless camps from other areas

of the city. Mayor Frank Jager previously said that he did not want the homeless to be disbursed throughout the city but with the Palco Marsh exodus that is exactly what happened.

It is illegal to sleep in Eureka. The police can confiscate belongings placed on the ground. The lack of permanent housing or a sanctuary camp has left the homeless wandering the streets being harassed and arrested for doing nothing more than trying to survive.



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“When I entered my heart sank. It looked like a war zone.”

## Hundreds feel the Bern

On May Day, 300 or so residents from all over the area joined a line that started at the Labor Temple in Eureka and snaked up and around the block to vote for Bernie Sanders in the local Democratic Party caucus. I was one of them.

The doors were scheduled to open at 2 p.m. I got there at five after and the line was already down to the corner. I had to walk more than a block to get to the end of the line, which was three or four people wide and growing longer as people continued to join.

Millenials are said to be the majority of Bernie supporters. There were a good number of them in the crowd. Some of them had come with their parents or grandparents.

We were all there in response to the Bernie network, which includes HSU Students for Bernie, Roots Action and the Progressive wing of the Democratic Party in Humboldt County.

Their mission was to elect progressive delegates to stand strong for Bernie at the state and national conventions.

The delegate candidates were as diverse as the crowd, ranging from Robert Shearer, botany masters candidate at Humboldt State, to longtime progressive advocate Normon Solomon and local RNs from Nurses United. Arcata Mayor Paul Pitino, former County Planning Commissioner Mel Kreb and former Eureka Mayor Peter Lavallee were there helping the process move along for Bernie.

You’d think standing in line on a hot Sunday afternoon would be tedious, but in fact it was a fun and upbeat experience. Students led cheers and sections competed to see who could cheer the loudest. Party volunteers brought water to folks standing in the sun. There was group singing. People driving by honked, took photos and

videos that doubtless got posted on someone’s Facebook page. Nurses from St. Joseph’s gave rousing speeches about universal health care.

Once inside, the voting went smoothly. We signed in and chose five women and five men from two dozen candidates pledged to stand with Bernie. A good number left after they voted, which was good as the Labor Temple couldn’t have held them all.

When the votes were tabulated, Normon Solomon was the top male choice and Ruth Carter the top female. But local nurse Leslie Ester, a dynamic speaker if there ever was one, also got elected, as did HSU student favorite Robert Shearer.

The primary is coming and if you haven’t registered yet, do it now.

*Mary Ella Anderson is a total Bernie supporter and hasn’t felt this enthusiastic about a presidential candidate since JFK, which was her first voting experience back in the day when you had to be 21 to vote.*



## ❖ LETTERS

### On redwoods, rivers and ruffians

#### Watershed still trashed

Thanks for Daniel Mintz’s description of Humboldt Redwood Company’s John Anderson wowing our County Supervisors last week. When I heard about it out here in Elk River I was sorry I’d missed it. Things must be better than I thought.

When we moved to Elk River, Charles Hurwitz was just moving out and taking every stick of redwood he could lay his hands on. I was ready to join the tree huggers who were then hugging Humboldt Redwood Company’s chief forester. He was a nice guy. I hear John Anderson’s a nice guy.

But almost 10 years later – the old waste discharge permit was issued to Hurwitz in 2006 and is about to expire, and that may be the real story – Elk River is in worse shape than ever. Flooding has increased in frequency and magnitude, homes and water systems are still damaged, and fish populations continue to struggle. Yet, in some Humboldt time warp, the welcome party goes on.

The fact is, John Fisher of the Gap family bought up a couple hundred thousand acres of trashed watersheds at bargain prices, and has whined or bragged loudly ever since whenever HRC has put a nickel into fixing things. Of course they reduced logging. Neither the land nor local residents would have tolerated another irresponsible billionaire.

Unless he had really good PR, and everybody really wanted the timber wars to go away. Like those clear-cuts cited by Anderson: “they’re getting really fuzzy and hard to see from the highway.”

The fact is, Fisher also owns the Oakland A’s, where he’s also very tight-fisted with his investment. Of the millions HRC has spent on advertising the beauties of redwood, remember that a good chunk of that came from our local Headwaters Fund. And the money went into those redwood commercials that we watched between innings of the A’s games. Those billionaires really know how to squeeze a dime.

Mintz reports that the company is “not completely free of controversy.” Anderson says Elk River “still has issues downstream.” Supervisor Lovelace says “some people have concerns.” All of this puts me in mind of that bitter old saying, “Other than that, Mrs. Lincoln, how was your evening?”

Elk River’s new WDR will be the subject of the Northcoast Regional Water Quality Control Board’s meeting on Thursday, May 12, out at the Wiyot Community Center, Loleta. This upcoming meeting, which will permit another 10 years of logging on a severely degraded watershed, was the subtext of Anderson’s show, for which Supervisor Fennel was only too happy to provide a stage. Friends of Elk River requested time to respond, but both she and Rex Bohn thought it too would be too much opinion.

**Jerry Martien  
Eureka**

#### Ruffians on the loose!

Far too many dog owners, whether residing in, or passing through Arcata, are opting not to use leashes in public. In other words, we have noticed a lack of en-

forcement when it comes to City of Arcata Municipal Code Section 5207, aka, the “leash law.”

We are aware this topic may seem trivial in contrast to the many problems afflicting Arcata and Humboldt County’s other municipalities, but we believe it is worth pursuing.

As residents of the area, we are concerned with the intrinsic issues regarding loose dogs. These issues range from nuisances to public image, and all the way to bodily harm for both humans and dogs alike. To be certain, some of us are dog owners, and would readily jump at the chance to defend the integrity of our beloved companions, but we realize the unpredictable nature of life. We believe there is a distinct difference between letting your dog run free and unencumbered to play on local beaches (as long as poop-bags are involved), versus letting your dog free within city limits.

To break this down further, we risk offending some by characterizing this problem as a byproduct of this county’s notorious and highly controversial vagrancy trend. This isn’t the sole contributor to Arcata’s off-leash leanings, but it does conjure up an image. It is true that many of these dogs lack the requisite immunizations, shots and licenses required by dog owners in the state of California. This poses a number of problems; dogs without immunizations can easily transfer contagious diseases to other dogs; dogs without shots can contract rabies and pass it on to humans. Even a dog free of disease can inflict serious bacterial infections, in addition to puncture wounds or serious injury.

The problem of public image is the secondary concern. This too, treads on dangerous moral ground, but we think the majority of residents will agree. Dogs loose in city limits, even under (questionable) supervision, can only diminish the clean and approachable image that city officials are trying to cultivate and maintain.

Finally, as dog lovers, we appeal to your sense of compassion, in bringing up the question of a pet’s rights. Dogs are not to blame for accidents. If a dog attacks someone, or is simply picked up by animal control, it is subject to “destruction,” as per Municipal Code Section 5258. Worst case scenario, you are personally responsible for killing an unleashed dog that wanders in front of your moving vehicle.

For these reasons, we believe it worthwhile to take a closer look at leash law enforcement in the City of Arcata. This is not a complex problem, and it will not require undue effort to correct.

Sincerely,  
**Elizabeth Tonning  
Arcata**

❖ Sign your letter to the *Mad River Union* with a real name and a city of origin, plus a phone number (which won’t be published) for identity verification. Try and keep your letter to 300 words or so, maybe 500 max. E-mail letters to [opinion@madriverriverunion.com](mailto:opinion@madriverriverunion.com).

*Note: From now until the June 7 election, the Union will feature weekly responses from Third District supervisorial candidates on a range of questions about issues they’ll have to deal with in office. The candidates have up to 200 words to address the questions; anything beyond that is replaced by an ellipsis. Otherwise, the responses are unedited. – Ed.*

## What are realistic options, if any, for restoring railroad service to Humboldt Bay? Is that desirable?

If the question is, do I have an agenda to either encourage or discourage restoring rail service, the answer is “No”. This is not an issue of my campaign.

I do not have a problem if someone wants to do a legitimate feasibility study on the rail line. My Opponent will say the restoration of rail service is something dreamed up by local “rail boosters” and is not realistic. But it is the population east of Humboldt County that would like rail service to our Port; and they have generated several studies showing connection to our Harbor might be realistic. If that is true, I certainly would like to know the facts.

I would also like to know the facts regarding using rail road right of ways, if feasible, for additional uses like trails and fiber optics.

My purpose as Supervisor is to carry out the interests of the 3rd District for the County to cultivate a sustainable economy. We need jobs now! Restoration of rail service might be great. I really don’t know.

For the next four years, let’s work to restore our economy by better utilization of those local “low-hanging economic fruits” we can pick today.



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istic expectation in the foreseeable future.

So, for the last 10 years I’ve been advocating an alternate direction, including repurposing lands around Humboldt Bay for manufacturing, aquaculture, renewable energy and rail-banking to create a regional trail system. Outdated zoning designations still “preserve” over 1,000 blighted acres for the unrealistic dream of rail and large-scale port development.

More recently, an “east-west” rail route was suggested. A subsequent study found this route would cost \$2 billion to construct with no identifiable volume of freight to finance and maintain it.

Every day, more people come to understand how much chasing this unattainable dream for 20 years has cost in lost opportunities for economic development, jobs and environmental cleanup.

It’s time for a new, more realistic direction.  
[www.facebook.com/MikeWilson4Supervisor](http://www.facebook.com/MikeWilson4Supervisor)



# Tomatoes turned totally topsy turvy

Somebody, somewhere is buying Topsy-Turvies and then donating them to thrift stores. I keep finding the kitschy upside-down as-seen-on-TV tomato planters unused, still in the box, and I snatch them up.

I live in a mobile home park by the Arcata Marsh, and I'm not allowed to dig holes in what little land I have, so all of my gardening is done in containers. For the third year in a row, I've grown tomatoes on my south-facing porch in these planters.

The principle is simple: tomato plants, apparently, don't care about being right side up. You plant your starts upside down in the wire-framed plastic bag, add potting soil, water and fertilizer and pray for sun. You're spared the pain of having to cage or stake them; you just let 'em hang. The branches eventually start to curve up a little toward the sun, but once tomatoes start coming in, the weight of the fruit stretches the plants to four feet long or more.

After a mediocre first year, I got my starts from Flora Organica at the Arcata Farmers' Market in year two, when Andy explained that I was trying to grow

the wrong varieties for the area. I ended up with a much higher yield last year.

This year, I planted a Valley Girl, a New Girl and an Oregon Trail, which I named Romy, Michele and Heather, respectively. Heather already had a little tomato on her when I transplanted her; now she has five, including the original one, which is larger than a golf ball. In Arcata! In May!

While you can get Topsy-Turvies at local stores (they may be hard to find in thrift stores, sorry), you can also make your own. Get a largish sturdy plastic pail with a handle, maybe two-gallon size (preferably a new one; just not one that has been used for anything involving toxic chemicals, as that would contaminate your food).

Drill a three-inch-diameter hole in the middle of the bottom. To make sure you don't swamp your plants, drill half a dozen smaller drip holes in the bottom too. Get a firm kitchen sponge large enough to cover the big center hole and cut a slit halfway through.

Have a friend hold the bucket and insert the tomato start root-side-up through the bottom of the pail. Slide

the sponge over the stem and rest the sponge on the bottom of the pail, covering the big center hole. It's okay to leave more stem in the pail; tomato plants will make more roots that way. Gently pour in potting soil to fill the pail, taking care not to damage the roots.

Hang the whole thing up by the handle from a sturdy hook in a sunny spot, allowing space below for the plant to grow. Water it. A lot. You can grow other things, such as zucchini and peppers this way. I've tried with peppers, but I think it was too cold and windy for them.

Here's the part with the clever hacks. The Topsy-Turvy comes with a lid. Don't use it. Instead, plant herbs in the top part of the planter. I like to plant parsley, which pairs nicely with the tomatoes. Because the planters aren't the prettiest things, I made burlap slipcovers for them out of old coffee bags. Also, put a pie plate or other shallow receptacle directly under your plant. Water will come dripping out of the holes; capture it and use to re-water your plant.

At the end of the season, disassemble and compost the plant and dirt; you'll have a huge root ball by then. Keep the bucket and the sponge too; you can reuse the whole kit and kaboodle next year.



**FORM AND FUNCTION** The Mad River Community Hospital's garden provides 80 percent of the hospital's produce during peak season.

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## Green waste solutions for Arcata gardeners

### CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – Don't let your grass, leaves, weeds, tree trimmings and other green waste items cost you to send them to the landfill. Help your garden and your wallet by composting.

To get started, stop by the City of Arcata to purchase an Earth Machine compost bin at a discounted rate of only \$20! The bin is available to anyone who lives within city limits and is an Arcata garbage customer. The compost bin is a great way to recycle your composted kitchen and yard waste back into your garden and save money on fertilizer.

Composting organic materials can build healthy soil, keep materials out of the landfill and conserve water and energy. California disposes of 30 million tons of waste in landfills each year and 30 percent of that can be composted. Applying compost to gardens can also reduce watering bills by 30 percent, so throwing green waste in the trash is really like throwing money down the drain.

If you don't have the space or time to compost yourself, you can sign up for Arca-

ta Garbage Company's green waste pickup program. When residents sign up for this voluntary curbside service, they receive a 95 gallon tote that is picked up every other week. This 12-month commitment costs \$8 for two months. Green waste is taken to Wes Green where it is composted.

Arcata Garbage customers can also drop off green waste at no extra charge at Wes Green Landscape Materials at 6360 West End Rd. in Arcata. To do that you will have to set up an account and provide proof that you have garbage collection service. Once you complete the sign-up process, you can bring them your grass, leaves, brush and tree trimmings, Christmas trees, unpainted wood, lumber, wooden shingles and pallets (broken down). No food waste, please!

For more information about the discounted compost bin or any of these green waste services, visit [cityofarcata.org/294/Food-Yard](http://cityofarcata.org/294/Food-Yard) or call the Arcata Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184.



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**Lauraine Leblanc**  
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ARCATA – Even if you're not a social butterfly, if you shun bars, avoid concerts and dodge social engagements, you've probably seen and heard the jazz trio RLA. They turn up everywhere; one night they're playing an appetizer-intensive fundraiser, the following night, they're laying down jazz sounds at the local brewery's tasting room and the third, they're playing out in an art gallery.

RLA is Tim Randles, aka "The Pianoman," on piano, Mike Labolle on drums and Bobby Amirkhan on acoustic and electric bass. The trio has been the host band for the Westhaven Center for the Arts Jazz Series for over two years, and is a regular at venues all over Humboldt.

Should you be one of the rare few who have yet to experience RLA, fear not, for even the most conformed agoraphobe can now enjoy RLA in the comfort of their own armchair, for the hardworking musicians have, somehow, carved enough time out of their busy schedules to

record their first CD.

*Reaching In* is an eight-track collection, nearly an hour of cool jazz compositions by Randles, beautifully executed by the trio. Guest Jon Lewis plays congas on track four, "Havana Go," a Latin jazz piece that dances forward from its straightforward opening chords through all sorts of variations.

As you would expect from a trio that plays out so much together, RLA is very tight, and the three musicians clearly listen to each other and seamlessly click into a groove. Pieces range from the introspective "The Simple Things" to the more rollicking "In the Out Door," with each setting its own mood while all hanging together to showcase RLA's distinctive smooth, cool sound.

Tim Gray engineered and mastered the CD, with Randles producing and mixing. The recording is very crisp and well-balanced, Randles' piano beautifully supported by Amirkhan's bass, with Labolle's brush work especially clear.

So, if you have yet to hear this talented trio, drop into Libation this Saturday evening and get to know RLA. There will be complimentary refreshments.

**RLA CD RELEASE PARTY**

❖ **Date:** Saturday, May 14

❖ **Time:** 7 to 10 p.m.

❖ **Where:** Libation, 761 Eighth St., Arcata

[timrandlespiano@gmail.com](mailto:timrandlespiano@gmail.com)

**TALENTED TRIO** Randles, Labolle and Amirkhan play well together. PHOTO COLLAGE BY TIM RANDLES

❖ ART WALK

**Arts! Arcata presents an enchanting evening of art, music & a mob**

**ARCATA MAIN STREET**

ARCATA – Arts! Arcata, Arcata Main Street's monthly celebration of visual and performing arts, held at locations in Arcata is this Friday, May 13. Special for graduation week: Arcata Main Street will be providing free Horse-Drawn Carriage rides around the Plaza. Watch for appearances by Samba de Alegria, the Bayside Ballet, Rueben T. Mayes painting on the Plaza, and possibly a flash mob!

**Arcata Artisans** 883 H St. – Mimi LaPlant presents brightly colored, stimulating psychological abstract paintings on both paper and canvas along with work by "color fanatic and fiber freak" Terri Tinkham.

**Arcata Exchange** 813 H St. – "My Vision," acrylic paintings and prints by Renée Thompson; music by Tony Roach; wine pour benefits SERVAS.

**Arcata Main Street** 761 Eighth St., Ste. C – "Humboldt History" by Bob Doran and Steven Lazar, a photographic celebration of Historic Preservation Month, plus a permanent new installation from the Historical Sites Society of Arcata in the hallway; Wine pour benefits the Historical Sites Society of Arcata.

**Bubbles** 1031 H St. – Music by singer-songwriter Claire Hashem on guitar.

**Café Brio** 791 G St. – Paintings by Gus Clark; music by La Musique Diabolique.

**Fatböl Clothing** 1063 H St. – Host NAC ONE and resident DJ M invite all emcees and lyricists to freestyle or recite your verses with live DJs.

**Fire Arts Center** 520 South G St. – "Angles and Curves," Ceramics by Erin Slattery and

Dorae Hankin, with live music.

**Folie Douce** 1551 G St. – Paintings by Leslie Kenneth Price.

**Garden Gate** 905 H St. – "Vocabulary of Creation and Chaos," by Anna Amezcua & Johnathon DeSoto; music by the The Comp-post Mountain Boys; wine pour benefits the Friends of the Library.

**Global Village Gallery** 973 H St. – Art and prints by Anna Oneglia.

**Jay Brown Art & Design** 791 Eighth St., Plaza Level – "Driven to Abstraction."

**Libation Wine Shop & Bar** 761 Eighth St. – Paintings by Sara Starr; music by Duncan Burgess.

**Northtown Books** 957 H St. – Gordon Edgar, reading from his new book *Cheddar; A Journey to the Heart of America's Most Iconic Cheese* at 7 p.m.

**PastaLuego** 791 Eighth St., Plaza Level. Flor de Luna local boutique wines and artisan pizzas; music by JAS.

**Plaza** 808 G St. – Oil paintings by Teresa Saluzzo; wine pour benefits the North Country Fair.

**Plaza Grill** 791 Eighth St. – Photographs by Brad Jobs.

**Plaza View Room** 791 Eighth St. – "Sights Through Lenses," digital media art by students of the Arcata Arts Institute.

**Rocking Horse** 791 Eighth St. – Student artists age 3 to 5 currently attending the Child Development Lab at HSU; wine pour benefits the HSU Child Development Lab.

**Redwood Curtain Brewing Co.** 550 South G St. – "Quattro," photographs and

polaroids by Joseph Sandoval.

**Redwood Yogurt** 1573 G St. – "Nature in Conflict with Harmony," paintings, photographs and mixed media pieces exploring the relationship between humans and nature by the Arcata Arts Institute.

**Sacred Empire** 853 H St. – "Om Lexi," handmade jewelry by Alexia Hardy.

**The Sanctuary** 1301 J St. – "Dance Hall Days," new works by Gina Tuzzi, with additional works by a group of artists from the HSU's honors painting program: Rebecca Baldwin, Alyssa Newton, Kasey Hass, Victor Feyling, Shane Donaldson, Victor Batz, Danielle Carlson, Gabrielle Castro, Angie Allen and Grace Franchini. Ambiance provided by Jaymorg, using a selection of dancehall records.

**Stokes, Hamer, Kirk & Eads, LLP** 381 Bay-side Rd. – Alcohol ink paintings by Vicky Barry; oil paintings by Yvonne Kern; music by Dale Winget; wine pour benefits the American Cancer Society-Relay for Life Team #169.

**Upstairs Gallery** 1063 G St. – "The Usual ... And Less So," oil paintings by Amy Granfield.

**Wildberries Marketplace Patio** 747 13th St. – "Love and Loss," Arcata Arts Institute (AAI) artists showing work they created expressing love and/or loss through carefully constructed drawings of hands.

Visit [arcatamainstreet.com](http://arcatamainstreet.com), Arts! Arcata on Facebook, or call (707) 822-4500 for more information.

**BRILLIANCE** Work by Renee Thompson on display at Arcata Exchange.



**BIKER BOB** Fervent cyclist, former mayor and crash survivor "Bad" Bob Ornelas passionately demonstrates his and his bicycle's merits at last year's Bike to Work rally on the Arcata Plaza.

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**Stop your engines! It's bike month, Humboldt!**

**CITY OF ARCATA**

ARCATA – Have you ever said, "Maybe I'll start riding my bike," "Maybe I can ride more," or "Maybe someday"?

Well, switch that "maybe" for "May" because May is Bike Month, Humboldt!

This May, ride for the Humboldt Bike Challenge. The Humboldt Bike Month Coalition is hosting this local event, part of PeopleForBikes' National Bike Challenge.

At its simplest, the National Bike Challenge is an easy, online way for you to record the miles you ride and see how you stack up against other riders in Humboldt and all over the coun-

try. Ride as an individual, with a work or school team, or join the Bay Trail Challenge Team, whose riders will get pledges per mile, per day, or at a set, maximum amount, to go towards building our biggest multi-modal dream, the Humboldt Bay Trail connecting Arcata and Eureka. Register for the Humboldt Bike Challenge now at [nationalbikechallenge.org](http://nationalbikechallenge.org).

There are tons of biking activities planned for Bike Month.

On Wednesdays in May, join a posse of peddlers at the Arcata Co-op at 7 a.m. and commute from Arcata to Eureka.

Arcata Bike to Work Day is on today, May 11. Bikers with helmets re-

ceive free hot drinks and snacks at the Arcata Co-op's Energizer Station from 7 to 9 a.m. At noon, gather on the Plaza for a Bike Rally featuring free bike tune-ups and an Arcata bike trail tour.

Gear up for a special Bike Month Arts! Arcata on the Arcata Plaza on Friday, May 13 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Get crafty with your bike on Saturday, May 14 at SCRAP Humboldt, 101 H St., Arcata, from 3 to 5 p.m.

And witness a hardcore Humboldt Hardcourt Bike Polo demonstration on Sunday, May 15 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Manila Community Park.

For more info, check out Bike Month Humboldt on Facebook, or at [humbike.org](http://humbike.org).

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**CUTE OLDER HOME** with some old redwood paneling and a 0.7 acre, all-usable parcel, with cross fencing.

The home has 3 bedrooms and 1 bath. There is propane forced air heat as well as a woodstove. The detached second unit, also cute, was converted from an existing rec room. It has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Both homes have small decks. The spacious parcel is cross-fenced and would be great for 4-H projects, growing a garden, planting an orchard, or just for playing croquet! Close to the Grange, Fieldbrook Market as well as the School. \$345,000



# Pre-apocalyptic bike scavengers celebrate Hippie Christmas on May Day

The little woman and I spent May Day doing a little gardening, grooming the dogs and celebrating Hippie Christmas by riding out to shop the free boxes.

We figured Sunday around 3 p.m. would be optimum pickings; people moving out at the end of the month would move on Saturday and the stuff would still be fresh. We mounted our bikes and headed out for the Arcata Bottom, the source of many previous scores.

It took a little while to find the first box, visible from a block away thanks to a three-foot-tall plush snowman. Kelly popped up on the sidewalk, looking things over. “I don’t take scavenging lightly,” I joked, “and when I scav-

enge, I bring along a professional picker.” Kelly volunteers three afternoons a week accepting and sorting donations at the Hospice Shop. It didn’t take her long to come up with her verdict: “Junk.”

At the next pile, I did the honors. We hit the jackpot and scored a brand new French press about 50 percent larger than the one we already had, allowing us each to have the full one-and-seven-eighths cups of coffee we require in the morning with just one plunge. Kelly unfolded one of her panniers and stuck it in.

I was perplexed that Kelly was about to pass up a dusty Fender guitar amp. It couldn’t possibly work, she said. Look at that French press, I retorted. There’s

still a 50/50 chance, we agreed, but it’s worth taking. She deployed her second pannier, in which the amp fit perfectly, because of course it would.

Kelly’s still looking for a bigger amp, but this one, which works, will do for now. And by the time she’s ready to play out, I’m sure a bigger one will show up, probably in a free pile. It’s Arcata, where things like that happen.

As we continued on our way, we came across the doyenne of free piles, a colorfully-painted stand by a farmhouse on Janes Road. Judging by the signage, you can leave things there as well as pick things up; just don’t take the hangers. It looked well tended, but there was nothing there for us.

We went on to Windsong; I imagined us in a post-apocalyptic

landscape (as I often do there) as old ladies who make their way on bikes, scavenging, repairing and selling useful items. Peddlers, Kelly said. Pedallers, I replied.

We found more boxes on our way home, snagging a camisole.

While free piles are the bane of many municipalities, and especially Arcata, they need not be. I object to the sight of a mattress mouldering on the sidewalk maybe even more than most, for as a car-free pedestrian, I resent being forced to walk in the street by a grody pile of crap.

But a well-tended free box can give joy to all. By well-tended, I mean one with usable, unbroken stuff that hasn’t and won’t be left out in the rain; that is curated by someone who routinely gathers in and reorganizes the stuff and will be gone within 48 hours.

Those who can’t commit to properly tending to a free pile would be well advised to instead donate their stuff to a thrift store. Kelly suggests the following:

Only donate clean, usable, unstained, unbroken items. Call ahead to thrift stores before bringing your things; some don’t take toys or kids’ clothes, some can’t accommodate furniture and none will take old electronics. Please wash clothes and linens.

On down the road, we came across a cardboard box full of herbs in front of a house with a beautiful front-yard garden. “Free herbs” said the box, not even asking for a donation. We gleaned some mint, parsley and oregano.

Thanks, anonymous gardeners, and thanks to all who give up their goods without trashing up our ’hoods.

**SCI FI PINT AND PIZZA NIGHT** See *Dark Star* (1974) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, May 11** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. John Carpenter directed this wiggled-out spoof of *2001: A Space Odyssey* set on the deep-space cruiser Dark Star, where a crew of laid-back astronauts are assigned the task of blowing up planets with unsuitable life forms in order to make the universe safe for the human race. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

**THE STONE AGE** On **Thursday, May 12** at midnight, *The Stone Age* explores and celebrates the electric music of The Byrds, Buffalo Springfield, Rolling Stones, Henry Vestine, Harvey Mandel and others for a complete hour. When Wednesday turns into Thursday at midnight, tune into KHSU 90.5 FM for electric music from the ’60s and ’70s. *khsu.org*

**WOOD TURNERS** The Redwood Coast Woodturners meet **Thursday, May 12** from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at McKinleyville Middle School, 2285 Central Ave. This meeting will focus on hand-cut threads for small wooden lidded boxes. Attendance is free; all interested in wood turning are welcome, beginner to pro, no prior experience needed. (707) 499-9569

**KINETIC VIDEO PARTY** The Kenetic Video Team holds a hard rocking fundraising party **Thursday, May 12** at Richards’ Goat Tavern & Tea Room, 401 Samoa Blvd. The entertainment begins promptly at 7 p.m., with exclusive never-before-seen footage from Triathalon of the Art World. The footage keeps rolling as Local Rockin’ Heavy Metal gods WAR MÖTH take the stage, followed by all-girl elastic waist comfort band Blood Gnome, the local ethereal chance loop vocal pop of Gobi Blank and the new age noise of Cybernator 2. A \$5 suggested donation get you in and gives you a raffle ticket. Proceeds benefit the Kinetic Video

Team as they document and compete in the Kinetic Grand Championship.

**ALL AGES PUNK** The Breakfast All Day Collective presents an all-ages punk show featuring Jeff Rosenstock, Upset, Soar and Dosidicus for Graduation Weekend, on **Friday, May 13** at the Arcata Vets Hall, 1425 J St. Doors open at 7 p.m. Beer at the event was generously donated by Redwood Curtain, so all of the proceeds of beer sales will go to Breakfast All Day Collective’s All Ages Arcata Project, whose vision is to create an all-ages music and arts venue/community space in Arcata. Tickets are \$8 in advance at Wildwood Music/\$10 at door.

**CHEDDAR** Gordon Edgar appears at Northtown Books, 957 H St., Arcata, **Friday, May 13** at 7 p.m. to talk about his new book, *Cheddar: A Journey to the Heart of America’s Most Iconic Cheese*. Cheddar is one man’s picaresque journey to find out what a familiar food can tell us about ourselves. Cheddar actually holds a key to understanding not only issues surrounding food politics, but also some of the ways we think of our cultural identity. Edgar has worked as an iconoclastic cheesemonger in San Francisco, but his sharp talent for observation and social critique were honed long before then, in the world of ’zines, punk rock, and progressive politics. His fresh perspectives on such a seemingly common topic are as thought-provoking as they are entertaining. There will be cheese samples courtesy of Cypress Grove too!

**MOKKA FRIDAY** Good Company plays Celtic tunes on **Friday, May 13** at 8 p.m. at Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all-ages show. (707) 822-2228

**PLANT SALE** The Blue Lake Wha Nika Women’s Club holds its annual plant sale on **Saturday, May 14**, beginning at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of the Blue Lake Museum, 330 Railroad Ave. There will be vegetable and flower starts, planters, bird feeders and other items for the garden.

**USED BOOK SALE** The Friends of the McKinleyville Library holds its very popular second Saturday Used Book Sale **Saturday, May 14** from 1 to 4 p.m. by the Totem Pole in the McKinleyville Shopping Center. You’ll find a stellar collection of science fiction and fantasy books that have just arrived from a galaxy near you. There will also be imaginative books for kids about robots, monsters and aliens. The popular “sidewalk sale” out front is bigger than usual this month. There will be many tables full of hardcover and paperback books at \$2 per bag. Bring your recyclable bag. All proceeds benefit the McKinleyville Library.

**MOKKA SATURDAY** The Last-Minute Men play international tunes on **Saturday, May 14** at 8 p.m. at Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all-ages show. (707) 822-2228

**JOHNNY STEELE STANDING** Ferndale Repertory Theatre, 447 Main St., hosts Bay Area comedian Johnny Steele **Saturday, May 14** at 8 p.m. A former winner of the San Francisco International Comedy Competition, Steele is a stand-up comedian, sometime talk show host, writer, humorist, political satirist, acclaimed actor and all-around loud mouth commentator. Tickets are \$16 advance/\$18 at the door. For ticket reservations or more information, call Ferndale Repertory Theatre at (707) 786-5483 or visit *ferndalerep.org*.

**JIMI JEFF & THE GYPSY BAND** Rock out to old school funk, Hendrix, Prince, blues and R&B at a free show, **Saturday, May 14** at 9 p.m. at Central Station, 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville. (707) 496 6049

**METHOD TO THEIR MADNESS** Tommy Castro & The Painkillers, touring in support of their latest album, Method To My Madness, perform at The RockSlide Bar, 5731 CA-299, Willow Creek on **Sunday, May 15** at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25. (530) 629-3899, (530) 629-2745

**AT THE LIGHTHOUSE GRILL** Tony Roach performs at the Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Shopping Center, Trinidad, **Sunday, May 15** at 5 p.m.

**ALL SEASONS ORCHESTRA** Get ready for another great performance by All Seasons Orchestra on **Sunday, May 15** at 7 p.m. in the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St. in Arcata. This free concert, brought to you by All Seasons Orchestra and the Arcata Recreation Division, features music from *Star Wars*, *Satchmo*, “America the Beautiful” and more. All Seasons Orchestra includes strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion. This community orchestra, open to all ages, meets Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the D Street Neighborhood Center. Seasonal performance opportunities are offered throughout the year. Fees are \$25 per season or \$30 per season for non-Arcata residents. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact the Arcata Recreation Division at (707) 822-7091 or visit *cityofarcata.org/rec*.

**THE MYSTERY OF AUTISM** One family’s journey through a child’s diagnosis of autism will be examined at Lifetree Café on **Sunday, May 15** at 7 p.m. The program, titled “The Mystery of Autism: Understand. Support. Connect,” features a filmed interview with Patty Smith, a mother whose son Patrick was diagnosed with autism at an early age. During the program, participants will have the opportunity to discuss their experiences with autism. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata. (707) 672-2919, *bobdipert@hotmail.com*

**PORTLAND PUNK** The Breakfast All Day Collective presents an 21 and over punk show featuring The Thermals and Summer Cannibals on **Sunday, May 15** at Richards’ Goat Tavern & Tea Room, 401 Samoa Blvd. in Arcata. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at La Dolce Video.

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, MAY 11	THURSDAY, MAY 12	FRIDAY, MAY 13	SATURDAY, MAY 14	SUNDAY, MAY 15	MONDAY, MAY 16	TUESDAY, MAY 17
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night	6:30 p.m. Ocean Night	7:30 p.m. Grease (1976)		6 p.m. • <i>The Good Dinosaur</i> (2015)		
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake	9 p.m. DJ D-Funk	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. Dirk Quinn	9 p.m. NightHawk	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool		9 p.m. • Christina D’Alessandro & The Northcoasters	9 p.m. • Moonstone Heights	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata	7 p.m. • <i>For the Love</i> film/Diggin’ Dirt		9 p.m. Dubbadubs	9 p.m. Soul Night #55			
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	6:30 p.m. • Jazz 9 p.m. • Whomp	9:30 p.m. • PartyWave, SuDs & ChopsJunkie	9 p.m. HouseMF with Dub Cowboy	9 p.m. Jellybread	9 p.m. Sundaze	9 p.m. More VibeZ	9 p.m. Comedy Night
	Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata			6 p.m. Duncan Burgess	7 p.m. RLA Trio			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake	7 p.m. • Cribbage Tournament	8 p.m. Trivia Night	9 p.m. Kingfoot	9 p.m. Wild Otis	6 p.m. Potluck	all day Free pool	all day Free ping pong
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. Piet almolen	6 p.m. La Patinas	6 p.m. Cadillac Ranch	6 p.m. • Honky Tonk Detours			6 p.m. Dogbone
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata	8 p.m. • Boogie Down Blue	8 p.m. Piet Dalmolen	8 p.m. Absynth Quartet	8 p.m. • Jenni & David & The Sweet Soul Band		7 p.m. Shuffleboard	
	Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville			9 p.m. Bullets & Belles	9 p.m. Kindred Spirits	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	7:30 p.m. Sunny Brae Jazz

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**QUO VADIS?** Three of the 2016 MFA class and creators, Robi Arce, Yiouli Archontaki and guest artist Stella Evangelia appear in Quo in the 2016 Thesis Festival.

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# Masters of mayhem

**DELL'ARTE INTERNATIONAL**  
BLUE LAKE – Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre presents the 2016 Thesis Festival featuring five new one-act plays created by this year's graduating MFA class. The international ensemble of theatre makers will perform their work Thursday through Sunday, May 12 to 15 and May 19 to 22 at 8 p.m. at the Carlo Theatre, 131 H St. in Blue Lake.

The festival will show three of the works including *In The Trenches*, *Tea Time* and *Happyland* on Thursdays and Saturdays and *Quo* and *A Feeble-minded Mayhem* on Fridays and Sundays. Ticket holders will be able to bring their stubs in for admission to any corresponding evening in order to see all five plays.

Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre is the first North American educational institution to offer a graduate degree in ensemble-based physical theatre. Students from around the world have attended the program since 2008 when it was first introduced in Humboldt County alongside the pre-existing Professional Training Program.

The 2016 Thesis Festival marks the culmination of three years of study by artists from 10 different countries. These theatre-makers of tomorrow have engaged a myriad of styles promising a spectacularly diverse and exciting evening of performance!

The 2016 Thesis Festival includes:

## 'In The Trenches'

An apocalyptic war zone transforms into a fast-paced, vaudevillian slapstick extravaganza when we meet three clown soldiers forced into the trenches of World War I. Created by MFA student Jared Mongeau and alumni guests Dustin Allen and Linus Winberg.

## 'Tea Time'

Under the watch of an omnipotent, unseen authority, two chaotic comrades are imprisoned for eternity. Their dreams and imaginings are the closest they can come to liberation, proving their confinement to be the most powerful companion in their resistance as they escape into a world of their own creation. Dancing for freedom

and dancing for life, these two idealists find a way to subvert their oppressors despite their intransigent circumstance.

A sublime comedy that explores power, submission, and the folly of hope; created by Buba Basishvili and Yan Christian Collazo. As one prisoner said to the other, "It is prohibited to forget!" And the second replied, "Let's have some tea first."

## 'Happyland'

This is not a smart play. It is just a joke. A joke that people really get beaten, heartbroken, and lost. This poem is a play. It's a bizarre love story. It is as real as your dreams. So, get your ass off the couch – it's time to fight!

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Created by international female trio Grace Booth, Tone Haldrup Lorenzen and Vida Tayebati. See you in the ring.

## 'Quo'

Trapped in a universe unbound by logic, three proscribed creatures seek salvation from a seemingly unending curse: a time loop that keeps them from moving forward. Dependent on one another for survival, they soon discover that things are not what they seem and time is starting to run out! Together, they must find a way to escape before it's too late.

*Quo* is an absurdist

physical comedy inspired by the issues of inequality, diversity, oppression, and violence created by MFA students Robi Arce, Yiouli Archontaki, and guest artist Stella Evangelia.

**'A Feeble-minded Mayhem'**  
*A Feeble-minded Mayhem* is the story of three women living in isolation after being rejected by society for their vicious vices. Enclosed in a haunting world of shadows and make-believe, they revel in delightfully askew delusions, unfurling the codes they have created to survive and a past that has driven them into hiding. The women are free to play their games of ludicrous invention until tyrannical fantasies go too far and reality threatens to come crashing in.

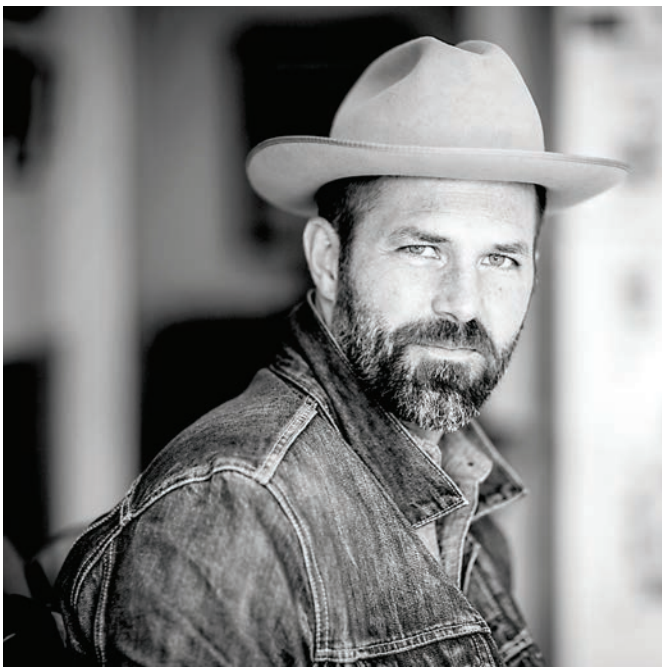
*Grey Gardens* meets *Looney Tunes* in this absurdist fall brought to life with shadow play, outlandish physical comedy, and enchantingly grotesque characters. Created by international female trio: MFA students Erin Johnston and Kate Tobie, as well as guest Brittney Rebhuhn.

## Times & tickets

*In The Trenches*, *Tea Time* and *Happyland* are on Thursdays and Saturdays; *Quo* and *A Feeble-minded Mayhem* are on Fridays and Sundays.

Tickets are pay-what-you-can; call (707) 668-5663 ext. 120 for reservations. Bring their stubs in for admission to any corresponding evening in order to see all five plays.

The plays are appropriate for ages 15 years and up. (707) 668-5663 ext. 126, dellarte.com



**FOOT STOMPER** Songwriter Jeffrey Foucault performs at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., Sunday, May 15 at 8 p.m. Foucault's music combines several genres including folk, blues, and rock'n'roll. He is known to take the small roads when possible, and prefers intimate venues where he can sit down and stomp his foot. Opening the evening will be singer-songwriter Laurie Sargent. Tickets are \$18/\$16 for members and students and are available at Wildberries Marketplace, online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com), or by calling (707) 822-1575. PHOTO BY JOSEPH NAVAS

## SWINGING INTO TOWN

Buenos Aires guitarist Gonzalo Bergara swings into Arcata with his quartet fresh off their European tour Tuesday, May 17 at 8 p.m. at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Tickets are \$15/\$13 students and members and are available at Wildberries Market and Wildwood Music or call (707) 822-1575. SUBMITTED PHOTO



# Here's your big chance to break a leg

## MAD RIVER UNION

**HUMBOLDT** – Hey there, you with the stars in your eyes: time to get off the couch and get onstage! Two of Humboldt's prime repertory theatres are holding auditions.

## North Coast Repertory Theatre

The North Coast Repertory Theatre (NCRT) announces open auditions for the comedy *The Odd Couple: Female Version* on Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15 at 5:30 p.m. each evening. There are roles for six women aged 35 to 65 and two Latino men aged 25 to 35.

Unger and Madison are at it again! Florence Unger and Olive Madison, that is, in Neil Simon's hilarious contemporary comic classic: the female version of *The Odd Couple*. Instead of the poker party that begins the original version, Ms. Madison has invited the girls over for an evening of Trivial Pursuit. The Pidgeon sisters have been replaced by the two Constanzuela brothers. But the hilarity remains the same.

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Please bring your laugh persona. No appointment is necessary. Auditions will be held at NCRT, 300 Fifth St., Eureka. Production dates are Sept. 15 through Oct. 8.

Contact Director Gene Cole at (707) 382-9272 if you have any questions.

## Ferndale Repertory Theatre

Auditions for all five shows in the 2016-2017 Season will take place by appointment on Sunday, May 15 from 6 to 9 p.m.; Monday, May 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, May 21 from noon to 5 p.m. at First United Methodist Church on Del Norte and F streets in Eureka.

The shows are *The Rocky Horror Show* by Richard O'Brien; *Charlie Brown's Christmas* by Charles M. Schulz; *All My Sons* by Arthur Miller (in collaboration with The Arcata Playhouse); *Quilters* by Molly Newman and Barbara Damashek and *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* with music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice and book by Linda Woolverton.

To apply, read through the production schedule, show synopses, and role requirements at [ferndalerep.org/auditions](http://ferndalerep.org/auditions) and decide which role(s) you're interested in. Then send an email to [leira@ferndalerep.org](mailto:leira@ferndalerep.org) with the word "audition" in the subject line with your full name and telephone number, your preferred date and time range to audition, and which shows/roles you want to audition for.

There's no need to prepare a monologue; you'll be given material from the shows to prepare when you schedule your audition.

If you are auditioning for a musical, you'll need to prepare a short song that shows your vocal range and acting ability; a pianist will be provided – just bring your voice and your sheet music.

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## HOME STAGING IS IMPORTANT

Home staging is becoming increasingly important to home sellers. The term refers to making the appearance of the home more appealing to prospective buyers. "Reducing clutter and rearranging existing furniture is an important part of staging," said Dana Dickey, vice director of Interior Redesign Industry Specialists, an organization for interior redesigners and home stagers. "It's a fairly simple process and very cost-effective. Homeowners I work with are amazed at how the look of their home can dramatically improve with a little assistance. We want to give each home that 'wow' factor, especially in today's housing market. Home buyers largely make their final decision based on emotional factors. It's important that a house make a good first impression," she said. Owners can begin to stage their home by approaching their property as though seeing it for the first time. With a little rearranging, most "sore spots" can be made into attractive features that will help sell the home. For professional advice on all aspects of buying or selling real estate, call Joanie Frederick, Broker, Azalea Realty, (707) 362-0144, or check out our website at [www.azalearealty.com](http://www.azalearealty.com)

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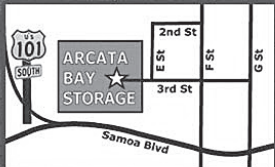
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# Stamp Out Hunger this weekend

**FOOD FOR PEOPLE**

HUMBOLDT – Saturday, May 14 will mark the 24th annual Letter Carriers’ Food Drive. All residents of Humboldt County are being asked to participate and help “Stamp out Hunger.” During this nationwide food drive, letter carriers will pick up donations of non-perishable food and deliver these donations to local food banks throughout our country.

It’s easy to participate. Look for the blue, pre-printed donation bags in your mailbox the week leading up to the May 14 food drive. Simply place your donations of non-perishable food in the bag and leave the bag by your mailbox on Saturday, May 14. Your letter carrier will do the rest, collecting donations and delivering them to Food for People at their Eureka location or to the food pantry in your community.

This effort by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), with the help of rural carriers, postal employees and numerous other volunteers has resulted in the delivery of well over one billion pounds of food to community food banks and pantries since its inception more than 20 years ago.

In Humboldt County, the food drive has collected an average of 45,000 pounds of food countywide each year, and plays an important role in supplementing the food distributed by Food for People’s pantries and hunger-relief programs.

Many of the pantries have already dispensed the food that was donated during the holidays. Food collected during the Letter Carriers’ Food Drive is critical in providing assistance for low-income families during the summer months when school children are without the meal assistance provided during the school year and struggling families are in need of help.

Community members can help

through donations of nutritious food. The foods most needed include protein items (canned meats, tuna and beans), canned vegetables (low sodium) and fruits (in 100 percent juice), low-sugar cereals, whole grain pasta, low-sodium soups, chili and stews, peanut butter and 100 percent juice. These items are among some of the essentials needed for a well-balanced diet and are often the most difficult for food-insecure families to afford.

Items that cannot be accepted include rusty or bulging cans, foods that are clearly beyond their expiration date and home-canned items; all have to be disposed of for health reasons. Please try to avoid donations in glass jars as they can easily break when tossed in with canned items.

All food collected stays in the community in which it was donated to help local individuals and families in need. Questions about your community’s participation should be directed to your local post master.

Volunteers are needed to help sort and box the food when it is delivered to Food for People at Eureka and Arcata locations on Saturday, May 14. This is a perfect opportunity for families, youth groups, civic groups and others to lend a hand for a few hours. Please call Food for People’s Volunteer Coordinator, Leah Tanguay, at (707) 445-3166 ext. 310 for more information or visit [foodforpeople.org](http://foodforpeople.org).

If you miss your letter carrier on Saturday, you may drop your donation off Monday through Friday at Food for People, 307 West 14th St. in Eureka, at one of our drop sites throughout the county, or contact a food pantry in your local community. A list of Food for People’s Pantry Network locations and their schedule of operating hours can be found at [foodforpeople.org/programs/emergency-food-pantry-network](http://foodforpeople.org/programs/emergency-food-pantry-network).

**ANTI-PROM** Poodle skirts and leather jackets are back at Apprentice Entertainment’s 1950s-themed Anti-Prom on **Friday, May 13** at 8 p.m. at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. There’ll be waitresses on roller skates cruising between rooms set up like ’50s diners, greased lightning races, and a Humboldt DJ playing retro music. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and dancing kicks off at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door or by calling (707) 822-1575.

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OBITUARIES

Richard Wilson 1939-2016

Who’s that old gorilla in a wide brimmed helmet riding a bicycle?  
Richard Stanley Wilson wore many hats: lover, father, jester, ham, stern library ogre, history buff and proof that King Kong was just a big monkey. Richard died at home in bed on Friday morning, April 29, 2016 of cancer. The memory of his funny faces – the troll and the gorilla – will pop up in our hearts for some time to come, to make us laugh.  
Richard was a child in West Palm Beach Florida, a student at Florida State University, and a sailor in the U.S. Navy. He and Jane brought their family to Humboldt County in 1972 searching for a less prescribed (hippie) culture.  
Richard worked in the Eureka Library, in the Gar-

berville Branch Library, and in the bookmobile. When Proposition 13 cut his hours in 1978, he celebrated his shortened work week. All the better to spend time with Paul and Robin. The family lived on Pepperwood Springs Mountain, off the grid. Richard read to his boys, stooged around with them, and put them to work.  
He loved cutting firewood. After a little bit of library research, he devised and built a house. Richard achieved greatness as a husband and father. When he wasn’t reading aloud, he wormed his way slowly but steadily through history, archaeology, and political material.  
2008: Arcata. The flat land, dancing at the farmers’ market, appreciating OLLI classes, taking walks on the dunes and in the marsh, plays and concerts were among his favorite things.  
February started his three-month decline from a vibrant inquisitive athletic person to someone who needed help to walk and had trouble finishing a thought or a memory. He would have been happy to have lived longer, yet he was not afraid of death. He is survived by his lamb and two monkeys.  
Richard was buried in a green grave on May 4. There will be no public memorial. Those who laughed with and loved him should celebrate his life in their own way with like-minded friends. The Friends of the Arcata Marsh (P.O. Box 410, Arcata CA 95518) is accepting donations in Richard’s memory. At the Marsh, Richard led walks, staffed, helped with the lecture series and served on the board. Friends are encouraged to smile in his memory.

Pauline Vassaur Frazel 1931-2016

Pauline Vassaur Frazel was born to Lonnie and Ocie Vassaur Jan. 8, 1931 in Arkansas, one of eight children. She later shared her birthday with a favorite singer, Elvis. She passed away May 3, 2016, after a short battle with cancer.  
Pauline married World War II veteran Roy Frazel. They settled in Arcata in the early 1950s. Their home was always open to family and friends. Country music, dancing, card games and holiday meals were the way of life at Frazel’s house.  
Pauline was first and foremost “Momma” to her five children, Stanley, Kathy, Teddy, Danny and Suzie. She was a homemaker from the time she was a child when her mother passed away.  
Pauline loved flowers and spent a short time working at Greenlot Nursery. She drove to visit relatives in the “valley” several times a year, including a trip to Phoenix in March for her sister’s birthday. She loved casinos and was lucky on the slots.  
Pauline was predeceased by sons Danny and Stan, her husband Roy, grandson Riley, her parents and three siblings. She is survived by daughters Kathy (Skip) Black and Suzie (Dana) Grandfield, son Ted (Nanc) Frazel, stepson Butch Frazel, grandchildren Cory, Chad, Stanley, Kay and Brittany Frazel, KC, Justin and Julie Grandfield, Sara Anderson, Nicol Black, Kara Beckstead and Keyla January as well as 16 great-grandchildren.  
Pauline will be missed by her family and friends who loved her so much. No services are planned. She will be buried in the family plot at Blue Lake Cemetery.

## LEGAL NOTICES

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**16-00257**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**ARCATA MILLWORKS**  
**5000 WEST END RD.**  
**ARCATA, CA 95521**  
**P.O. BOX 215**  
**ARCATA, CA 95518**  
**STEPHEN W. RICE**  
**109 WISTERIA LN.**  
**EUREKA, CA 95503**  
This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/STEPHEN RICE, OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 12, 2016  
**KELLY E. SANDERS**  
**LH DEPUTY CLERK**  
4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**16-00275**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**ETERNAL TREE HOUSE**  
**26510 HIGHWAY 254**  
**REDCREST, CA 95569**  
**P.O. BOX 236**  
**REDCREST, CA 95569**  
**SOLEDAD ALLMON**  
**26510 HIGHWAY 254**  
**REDCREST, CA 95569**  
**ROBERT ALLMON**  
**26510 HIGHWAY 254**  
**REDCREST, CA 95569**  
This business is conducted by: A Married Couple  
**S/ROBERT ALLMON, OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 18, 2016  
**KELLY E. SANDERS**  
**SC DEPUTY CLERK**  
4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**16-00259**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**LIVING OASIS**  
**HEALING CENTER**

**2020 MAIN ST.**  
**FORTUNA, CA 95540**  
**2880 HUFFMAN WAY**  
**FORTUNA, CA 95540**  
**ZANNA M. MAJERLE**  
**2880 HUFFMAN WAY**  
**FORTUNA, CA 95540**  
This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/ZANNA MAJERLE, OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 12, 2016  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**16-00254**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**MCKINLEYVILLE SKATE PARK**  
**2437 EAST COCHRAN RD.**  
**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**  
**CHARLES E. CALDWELL II**  
**2437 EAST COCHRAN RD.**  
**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**  
This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/CHARLES E. CALDWELL II, OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 12, 2016  
**KELLY E. SANDERS**  
**SC DEPUTY CLERK**  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**16-00282**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**KRITTER COUNTY**  
**1276 NORTH PARK LANE**  
**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**  
**WILLIAM R. BARSANTI**  
**1276 NORTH PARK LANE**  
**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**  
This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/WILLIAM R. BARSANTI, OWNER**

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APRIL 20, 2016  
**KELLY E. SANDERS**  
**SC DEPUTY CLERK**  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**16-00315**  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**SIX50 PRODUCTIONS**  
**1090 YAMAHA PLACE**  
**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**  
**NEAL A. NARAYAN**  
**1090 YAMAHA PLACE**  
**MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519**  
This business is conducted by: An Individual  
**S/NEAL A. NARAYAN, OWNER**  
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAY 5, 2016  
**KELLY E. SANDERS**  
**SC DEPUTY CLERK**  
5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 5/1

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONALD RAY PARKER CASE NO.: PR160129**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: DONALD RAY PARKER  
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: CARLI ZIZZA in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.  
The Petition for Probate requests that: CARLI ZIZZA be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept

by the court.  
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:  
Date: May 19, 2016  
Time: 2:00 PM  
Dept.: 8  
Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.  
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal

representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
**Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**  
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for the petitioner: RYAN HURLEY  
GALE & NIELSEN  
2850 HARRIS STREET  
EUREKA, CA 95503  
(707) 269-0167  
4/27, 5/4, 5/11

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS (PROB C §§ 19040(b), 16052) SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**  
George B. Stiglich, decedent and settlor of the GEORGE B. STIGLICH AND LEAH L. STIGLICH LIVING TRUST created December 16, 2005  
Case No.: PR160134  
Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, who died April 11, 2015, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court, at 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, and mail a copy to Kim Scott Stiglich, successor trustee of the George B. Stiglich and Leah L. Stiglich 2005 Living Trust dated December 16, 2005, of which the Decedent was the surviving settlor care of William G. Bertain, at 1310 Sixth Street, Eureka, California 95501, within the later of four months after April 27, 2016 (the date of the first publication of notice to creditors) or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 60 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested. Filed: April 22, 2016  
William G. Bertain, Attorney for Successor Trustee Kim Scott Stiglich  
WILLIAM G. BERTAIN  
SBN 70163  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1310 SIXTH STREET  
EUREKA, CA 95501  
4/27, 5/4, 5/11

meeting. The UWMP was prepared for the State of California Department of Water Resources in accordance with the California Urban Water Management Planning Act of 1983 (AB 797) (UWMP Act) as amended. This includes amendments made per the Water Conservation Bill of 2009 (SBX7-7) and SB 1420 addressing per capita water use demand and Demand Management Measures. The UWMP will establish the City of Arcata’s compliance with California Water Code, Division 6, Part 2.6, for all urban water suppliers who provide municipal water to more than 3,000 customers or supply its customers with more than 3,000 acre-feet of water. The UWMP describes the City’s water supplies, water demands, and conservation efforts. The purpose is to ensure that adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future demands over a 20-year planning horizon. The 2015 UWMP is available for public review at Arcata City Hall, Environmental Services Department. Please direct comments or questions to: City of Arcata Environmental Services Department Mark Andre 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521 707-822-8184 [mandre@cityofarcata.org](mailto:mandre@cityofarcata.org)  
5/4, 5/11

**LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF ARCATA NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
The City of Arcata will hold a public hearing to discuss and approve the Arcata 2015 Urban Water Management Plant (UWMP) on Wednesday, May 18th, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata. The public hearing will be scheduled as part of the regular City Council

purchase of 312 (three hundred twelve) MBF of FSC Certified timber, 300 (three hundred MBF of redwood and 12 (twelve) MBF of Sitka spruce, will be received at the office of the City Clerk, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday June 8, 2016 at which time they will be publicly opened and read:  
The successful purchaser shall:  
A. Fall, buck, yard, load and deliver to a designated location approximately 300 MBF of Redwood logs manufactured from designated timber located in the City’s Arcata Community Forest in Sections 27 & 28 T6N, R1E HB&M..  
B. Install designated erosion control measures following operations.  
Each sealed envelope containing a bid must be plainly marked on the outside as “2016 Logging Bid.” Specifications and bid forms may be obtained from the Contracts and Procurement Specialist, 736 F Street, Arcata, California. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The bid award may be made at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting of June 1, 2016.  
A field “show-me” trip is scheduled for Friday May 13, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Interested parties can meet Mark Andre, Director, Environmental Services Department, at the Arcata City Hall/Library parking lot; the entrance is east of F Street on 7h Street, Arcata, California. To make an appointment for an alternate “show-me” date, call (707) 822-8184 or (707) 845-5804 or email [mandre@cityofarcata.org](mailto:mandre@cityofarcata.org)  
5/4, 5/11

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**FISH HATCHERS** This spring, over 70 first graders from Dow’s Prairie Elementary School participated in the Salmon in the Classroom program. This program, made possible by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Humboldt County Office of Education and volunteers from the Watershed Stewards Program, gives teachers and students the opportunity to raise salmonid species from egg to fry (juvenile fish) and then release them back into their natural environment. The students from Dow’s Prairie completed lessons on salmonid habitat, diet, anatomy, life cycle and ecological threats. As a culminating event the students traveled to Mad River Fish Hatchery for a hatchery tour and to release their fish back into the river.

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Arcatans called to ZWAP waste

**ZERO WASTE HUMBOLDT**  
ARCATA – ZWAP! That’s the sound of the City of Arcata initiating the planning process for its first Zero Waste Action Plan (ZWAP). The city invites residents, businesses, schools and community groups to submit their ideas for specific projects and policies that will reduce the waste generated in Arcata and improve upon its current recycling and composting methods.  
Arcata’s ZWAP will aim to reduce the amount and toxicity of waste and to encourage Arcata’s residents and businesses to develop new waste reduction habits.  
Please participate in one of these upcoming Community Input Coffees for Arcata’s Zero Waste Action Plan:  
• Thursday, May 12 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St.  
• Monday May 16 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Arcata Community Cen-

ter Senior Room, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy.  
Zero Waste Humboldt and consultants Maureen Hart and Maggie Gainer will lead the planning effort this spring. The city intends its Zero Waste Action Plan to be an easy-to-track set of measurable goals and specific tasks to guide Arcata year-by-year toward zero waste.  
If you have information and ideas about policies, programs, facilities and services in Arcata that will further goals of waste prevention, materials reuse, recycling and composting, join in to contribute your ideas. For Arcata to achieve the status of a zero waste town, we will need active engagement of individual responsibility, private businesses, community groups and city government.  
You can also email your ideas for the Zero Waste Action Plan to [eservices@cityofarcata.org](mailto:eservices@cityofarcata.org) or [contact@zerowastehumboldt.org](mailto:contact@zerowastehumboldt.org).

**BURTON ON BIRD SOUNDS** Learn about bird sounds from local ornithologist and guide Ken Burton. Friends of the Arcata Marsh is sponsoring this free public lecture on Friday, May 20 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center. Burton will discuss the mechanisms, functions, and identities of bird sounds, with emphasis on common Marsh birds. The speaker has been passionate about birds most of his life. He has studied them all over the world and firmly believes that the Arcata Marsh is one of the best birding locales anywhere. A Marsh docent since moving here in 2005, Burton is the author of *Common Birds of Northwest California* and coordinates Audubon’s Saturday morning bird walks at the Marsh. For more information, or to guarantee a seat, call (707) 826-2359.



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**PLANT EXPLORING** The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) invites the public to “Plant Exploring in the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument,” with explorer, writer and educator Michael Kauffmann today, **May 11** at 7:30 p.m. at Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Rd., near Seventh and Union in Arcata. Kauffmann will present a photo journey into the Transverse Range of Southern California, in one of the nation’s newest national monuments, exploring what John Muir claimed were the steepest mountains he had ever hiked. Kauffmann’s interest in the region began with a bigcone Douglas-fir mapping and monitoring project he is leading in conjunction with CNPS, but this study led him to many more discoveries – including one of the world’s largest oaks, and the most isolated grove of Sierra junipers. Doors open at 7 p.m. for refreshments, socializing, and sales. The North Coast Chapter of CNPS offers free public programs on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May. (707) 822-2015, [northcoastcnps.org](http://northcoastcnps.org)

**CONSERVATION MEETING** Redwood Region Audubon Society holds its monthly Conservation Meeting **Thursday, May 12** at noon at Rita’s Margaritas and Mexican Grill, 1111 Fifth St., Eureka. (707) 445-8311

**BAT MIGRATION** Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society on **Friday, May 13** for a free presentation titled “Bat Migration from the Humboldt Redwoods to North America.” Bats have evolved two primary overwintering strategies: hibernation and migration. Although hibernation in bats is relatively well-studied, our understanding of migration is rudimentary because it has been difficult to generate enough reliable observations of these nocturnal animals to surmise their migration patterns. Recent technological advances have resulted in new knowledge about the seasonal movements and ecology of migratory bats. Coupled with our discovery that Humboldt County redwood forests are important stopover and wintering sites for migratory tree bats, we have an ideal situation to advance understanding of bat migration. Ted Weller, Wildlife Ecologist at Redwood Sciences Laboratory, will describe the many tools used to help make sense of the bats’ migratory ecology. He will highlight the challenges of studying these cryptic critters and also the exhilaration of making new discoveries about their migration. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Eureka High School Lecture Hall at

the corner of Humboldt and K Street, Eureka; park in the lot at J and Humboldt Street. Bring a mug to enjoy shade-grown coffee, and come fragrance-free. Note: there will be no Redwood Region Audubon Society Friday night programs from June-August 2016.

**KNEELAND BIRDING** Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on **Saturday, May 14** for a birding trip with Ken Burton to the Kneeland/Showers Pass area. This will be a vehicle-based exploration of the upland prairies and forests of central Humboldt County. Many interesting birds might be seen, including eagles, grouse, and upland songbirds. The group will caravan from Freshwater Corners to Bridgeville and return via Highway 36. Plan on being out all day with no services or restrooms. Participants will carpool, so please plan on either transporting passengers or leaving your car behind and bring gas money if not driving. Meet at Freshwater Road and Myrtle Avenue at 7:30 a.m. (707) 499-1146

**BIRDING FIELD TRIP** Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, May 14**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Jim Clark in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

**SHAY PARK WORKDAY** Volunteer with the Watershed Stewards Program and Arcata High School on **Saturday, May 14** for the Shay Park & Jolly Giant Creek Cleanup. Volunteers meet at 1385 Foster Ave. in Arcata from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to remove litter, trim invasive plants and help with trail maintenance to restore Shay Park. The event features a continental breakfast, barbecue lunch, water, snacks, tools, gloves and raffle prizes. Volunteers should wear appropriate work clothing, sturdy shoes and bring their reusable water bottle. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. (707) 441-3509, [wiyaka.previte@ccc.ca.gov](http://wiyaka.previte@ccc.ca.gov)

**MARSH TOUR** Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, May 14** at 2 p.m. Meet the leader at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the plants and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

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